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Mission Home, The Well House, 16 Ivywell Road, Sneyd Park, Bristol.

Southwest British Mission

Headquarters At Bristol Where First Branch Was Organised

★ Missionary work in Bristol, England is first recorded in January, 1841, when a branch was organised consisting of nine members. Today, Bristol is the headquarters of the Southwest British Mission. On January 24, 1962 President N. Eldon Tanner announced in Hyde Park Chapel, London, that a new mission would be formed in the British Isles—the Southwest British Mission. Bristol was to be the new headquarters.

On Ivywell Road in Sneyd Park a lovely old house was bought which was to be the office and headquarters of the mission. Extensive repairs were made so that the mission home would be an acceptable place to keep records and important documents of the Church as well as a comfortable residence for the mission president, his family and the mission staff. The grounds of the "Well House" are lovely and spacious and add much to the spirit which presides there.

Chosen as the first mission president was A. Ray Curtis, who came from the United States in February, 1962. At the opening of the Southwest British Mission there were twelve districts; Bristol, Somerset, Gloucester, Royal Windsor, Reading, Guildford, Oxford, Plymouth, Southampton, Cornwall, Portsmouth, and South Coastal.

We are told in Proverbs 29: 18 that "Where there is no vision, the people perish". Joseph Smith said, "A task without a vision is drudgery; a vision without a task is a dream; a vision with a task is victory". Hence, an appropriate name for the helpful and necessary periodical was "The Vision". This brought inspiration from Pres. Curtis and other leaders of the mission to the missionaries, branch presidents and other throughout the mission.

At the formation of the mission the Church in this area prospered. Tithing increased, membership increased, percentage at meetings increased and the spirit of the Lord among the members was felt strongly. Truly the formation of this new mission was planned and inspired by the Lord. Many programmes in proselyting, fellowshiping, reactivation and other Church responsibilities helped the mission to grow. At the end of 1962 the mission was a completely organised function of the Church.

In 1964 the Southwest British Mission was divided and the British South Mission was formed. Portsmouth, Reading and Slough were taken from the Southwest British Mission and given to the British South Mission together with part of the British Mission.

In the early part of January Pres. Curtis, his wife, Sister Elaine B. Curtis,

and their children, Tom Curtis, and Jody Curtis were released from the mission field. The mark which they made upon this mission will never be forgotten, their righteousness, their obedience and their magnitude has affected all those who knew them and their memory will continue to inspire their many friends here.

On March 1, 1965, a new administration was to preside over the mission. Pres. Ray H. Barton and his family were met at the airport by Pres. Mark E. Petersen, Pres. A. Ray Curtis, and the mission home staff. Because of the unusual musical ability of the Barton family the spirit in the mission was high and jovial. Choirs were formed with Pres. Barton conducting. Concerts were given all over England and Wales. They made recordings with Decca Record Company in London and they were doing much good.

Another highlight of the years of Pres. Barton's leadership of this mission was when they had a competitive basketball team which travelled throughout Great Britain winning favour for the Church. After the games which the "Bristol Mormons" often won, Books of Mormon and Meet the Mormons were given to the opposing team. This resulted many times in conversions to the Gospel. The missionary basketball team was well known through England and advertised as the best team in the British Isles. They were popular for their conduct, clean living, good sportsmanship and exciting games.

On July 1st, 1965, South Wales officially became part of the Southwest British Mission being transferred from the Central British Mission. This added two districts to the mission, great lead-

ers, and wonderful proselyting areas. Since this transfer, South Wales has consistently been one of the most successful parts of the mission for proselyting.

In July of 1967 Pres. Rulon H. Bradshaw, Marie F. Bradshaw, his wife, and Myrtle Twitchell, Pres. Bradshaw's sister, who acts as cuisiniere, were met at the airport by Pres. and Sister Barton and the mission staff. Pres. Bradshaw had come to preside over the mission in place of Pres. Barton, who had been released.

During Pres. Bradshaw's leadership of the mission, the work of the Lord has grown.

Following the council of the General Board of Y.M.M.I.A. Pres. Bradshaw was instrumental in organising scouting in the mission. In the early part of 1968 Scouting was organised. The first unit to be registered with the Scouts of Great Britain was the Bristol troop consisting of three patrols. Since that time scouting has been organised in two Wales Districts, Plymouth district, and South Costal District.

At the formation of the mission in 1962 there were no chapels, but under the leadership of Pres. Curtis and Pres. Barton, chaples were built in Merthyr Tydfil, Cardiff, Downend, Bristol, Wells Road Bristol, Poole, Plymouth and Cheltenham. At present there are three new chaples under construction. Newport, Gloucester, and one in Bristol which will soon be completed.

Membership of the Church since the formation of the Mission has soared to over 7,500. These saints have felt the influence and love of Pres. and Sister Bradshaw.



Pres. Rulon H. Bradshaw and Marie F. Bradshaw.

Pres, Sister Bradshaw Came In June 1967 To Preside

★ Pres. Rulon H. Bradshaw and his wife, Marie Flachman Bradshaw, were called to preside over the Southwest British Mission, June 28, 1967.

Pres. Bradshaw was born at Lyman, Wyoming, U.S.A. He was educated in Lyman and attended the University of Wyoming.

Pres. Bradshaw filled a mission in Eastern Canada in 1925-27. After which he moved to Salt Lake City where he met Marie Flachman. They were married

in June 1929, in the Salt Lake Temple.

Pres. and Sister Bradshaw have two sons and two daughters who are all married and living in Salt Lake City. They have eighteen grand-children. One has been born since they have been in England.

Pres. Bradshaw has been active in many civic and church positions. He was a member of the Chamber of Commerce in Sugar House, Utah and was president of Rotary International there.

He worked in the Boy Scouts of America as a Scout master and director of the Great Salt Lake Council. He was awarded the Silver Beaver award, the highest award a Council can give, for service to the young men of the Church.

Pres. Bradshaw has also filled many positions of responsibility in the Church. He has served as a teacher in Sunday School, priesthood and M.I.A. and was superintendent of ward and Stake Sunday Schools, and stake superintendent of M.I.A. He served as counselor in the bishopric of two wards and as a bishop of the Hillcrest Ward in Salt Lake City, Utah. He has been a High Councilman, in Granite Stake as well as in the Grant Stake in Salt Lake City, Utah.

For six years he was a General Board member on the Y.M.M.I.A. He

was serving in this capacity at the time he was called to preside over the South-west British Mission.

Sister Bradshaw has been very active in the Church. She has served as teacher and co-ordinator in Jr. Sunday School for many years. She was in the Primary presidency of the Ward as well as the stake. She has also served in ward and stake Relief Society presidencies. She was a leader of the Jr. Sunday School Co-ordinators in the stake for a number of years.

At the time of their mission call she was Social Relations leader in the Ward Relief Society. She has been secretary to her husband for many years and rearing a family who are all active in the Church.

THERE COMES A TIME

by Henry Street, Bournemouth Branch

There comes a time when breezes kiss the river,
And mystic dawn sets all the world aglow.
Amid the laughing faces of the flowers
I see you smile as you smiled long ago.

There comes a time, at noonday when I wander
Upon the hilltop neath the pattering rain,
The voice of nature suddenly is silent,
I hear you whisper Dearest once again.

There comes a time when night has wrapped in slumber,
The workers of the world and as I sleep,
Your arms enfold me and in dreams we wander.
There comes a time when death and life can meet.



Elder John Longden, left; Sister LaRue Longden, Marie F. Bradshaw, Pres. Rulon H. Bradshaw, at Cardiff chapel and a district conference.



SWB Mission office staff, from left, front, Violet Jost, secretary; Marie F. Bradshaw Pres. Rulon Bradshaw, Myrtle Twitchell, cook. Back, Raymon Watson, Richard Horsley, Steven Bridge, Dan Davis, James Campbell, Kent Jones.

★ Mission boards as at present constituted:

The accompanying picture shows from left Albert Gadsby and Derek Ireland, counselors; Pres. Rulon H. Bradshaw, Ralph Pullman, and Sidney Kenchington, counselors.

The boards also include Dennis Armstrong superintendent of mission

Sunday School; Dennis Collins, advisor genealogy; Arnold Jones, chairman of Aaronic Priesthood for Youth; Peter Blott, chairman of Adult Aaronic Priesthood; Marie F. Bradshaw, Auxiliaries supervisor; Vera Ireland, president Relief Society; Violet Reeson, Mary Collins, Ceinman Hillman, Marie Giles, counselors; Freda Entwistle, Primary; Brian West, Young Men's M.I.A. superintendent; Bernice West, president of Y.W.M.I.A.



Bristol District

★ John Wesley's Methodist Church opened in June 3rd 1739, and was enlarged in 1748 into the present chapel which is the first Methodist church to be built and is therefore the oldest in the world. It is situated in the town center of Bristol, on Broadmead.

As you enter the large Iron gate from Broadmead, you are confronted with the life size statue of John Wesley, seated on his horse.

This statue designed and modelled by Gordon Walker, is one of the finest equestrian statues in great Britain.

There were no pews in the New room which opened in June 1739. The early Methodists sat on the benches which are now on the side, but were then in the centre, the men sitting on one side and the women on the other.

Altogether there were eighteen con-



Chapel, stable, statue
of John Wesley at
Bristol.

ferences held in the new room, during John Wesley's life time.

The small garden leading to the Horsefair is a haven of quiety and

beauty, Here you will see the statue of Charles Wesley' Offering Christ' to all that pass by. This statue was the gift of Sir Arthur Sutherland of Newcastle-Upon-Tyne.



New Wells Road Chapel in Bristol.



Down End Chapel in Bristol.



Southmead Chapel in Bristol nearing end of construction.



Old Bristol Chapel at Cheltenham Road.

BRISTOL II BRANCH

★ This year holds great promise for Bristol II Branch. In April their new Chapel will be complete and ready for worship and the many activities of the branch. This new chapel is the third to be built in recent times in Bristol. It is the first of its type in the mission. There have been problems and trials in constructing this building but the work

has progressed and the end is now in sight. The members are convinced that the Lord has been mindful of them on their desires for a new chapel. Testimonies and friendships have grown in the effort.

Soon the premises at Cheltenham Road will be but a memory. The Branch has had happy times there but the time has come to move on.



First Scout leaders in Bristol troop, from left, Keith Nickless, Donald Osborn, Briant Day.

BRISTOL TROOP

★ The 38th Bristol Scout Troop was organised in June, 1968 after Two years of successful work with Van-guards. It is unique amongst Bristol Scout Troops as it is spread all over the city with 4 patrols divided between three branches. This has only been made possible by the utmost co-operation from various district commission-ers.

Within a month of starting, a Patrol

Leaders Training Camp was run followed by a troop camp of three days. Since then, the patrol leaders have organised a night hike themselves, and the 4th January saw an inter-patrol hike competition over the Mendip Hills involving high standards of mapping, and cooking.

Future plans involve participation in a Bristol Jamboree in June and a summer camp on the Gower Coast.

Gloucester District



Swindon Branch presidency, from left, Thomas Brown, clerk; Bertie E. Rose, 1st C., Pres. Lavar M. Butler, John Hobbs, 2nd C.

SWINDON BRANCH

★ Swindon, as its name suggests, was a small farming town when the Swindon Branch was organised in the early 1900's.

Swindon benefited from the planning schemes of the 1950's which re-distributed much of London's excess population into smaller towns. This continuing transfusion has boosted Swindon's population to 100,000, and added several housing and industrial growth rings to her circumference.

Swindon benefited from the planning town, The average Sacrament Meeting attendance is near 80. Six missionaries are presently serving in Swindon, two each in neighbouring Stroud and Marlborough. Preliminary plans are under way for a chapel.

Presently Swindon Branch is presided over by Pres. Lavar M. Butler, who came to Swindon from the States in March as managing director of Reliance Controls, Ltd.

Counselors are Bertie E. Rose and

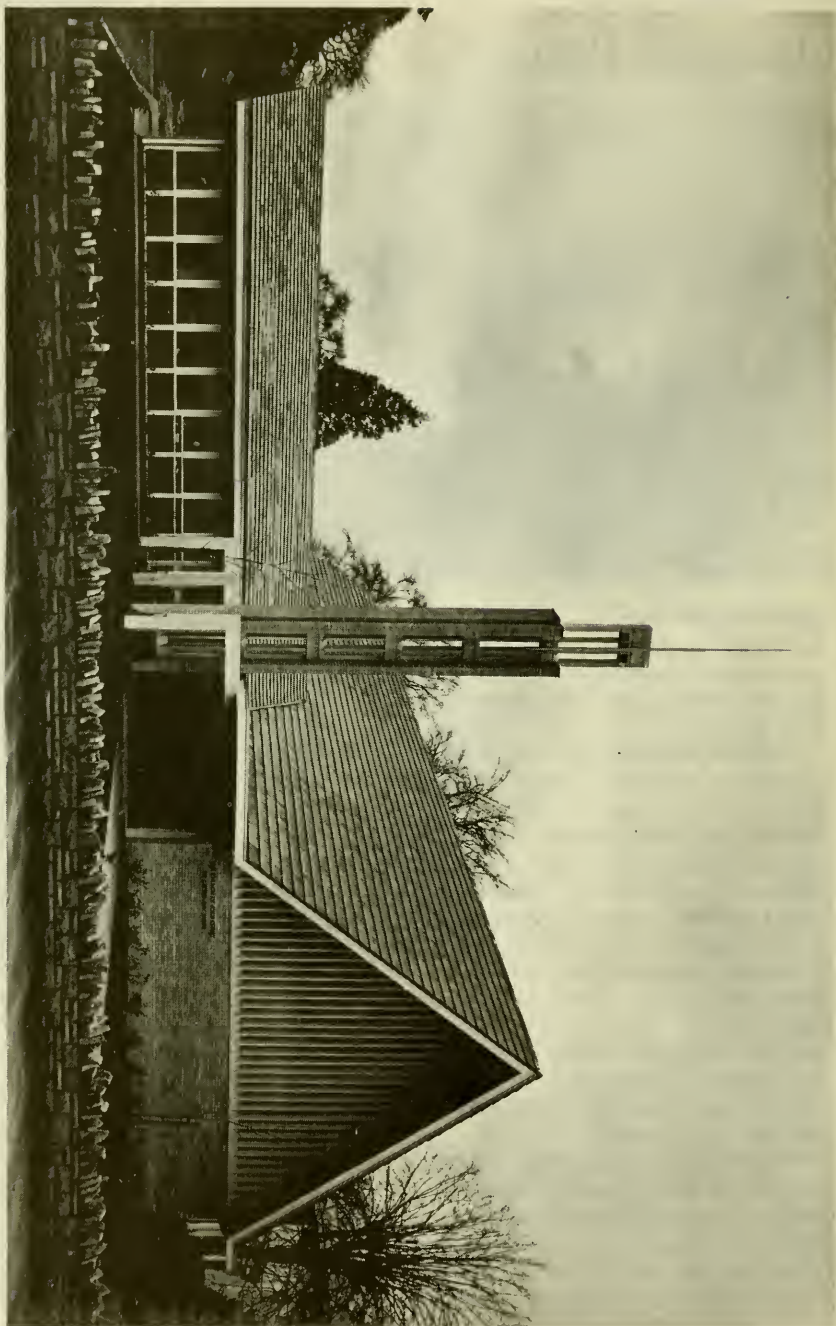
John Hobbs, both converts. Branch clerk. Thomas Brown, and his family recently were sealed in London Temple.

CHELTENHAM BRANCH

★ The Gospel was being taught in the spa town of Cheltenham at least as early as 1840 when we know travelling elders held street meetings. It is recorded that Brigham Young preached here on one of his early missions to Britain There were many conversions and emigrations to 'Zion' about 1856.

Church members suffered considerable persecutions for their beliefs, and the scriptural prophesy 'one of a family' has been truly borne out here. The missionaries at least twice, barely escaped with their lives at the hands of vicious men.

Church services were held in homes and rented rooms until the end of the Second World War. During this trial as never before, the faithfulness of the members was tested. It should be re-



Cheltenham Chapel.

called that the missionaries had been withdrawn, the few local priesthood called into the services, and with no organised branch left, it fell to the sisters to arrange to meet regularly. This they did, inviting visiting American service men to administer the sacrament each Sunday. Interweek Relief

Society and Book of Mormon classes were held. It was a great day when the missionaries returned, and early in the 1950s the Church purchased an old Baptist chapel and renovated it to the needs of our growing community. This building served us until 1964 when the present chapel was opened.

South Coastal District



Situated on Wiltshire's desolate Salisbury Plain is Stonehenge, romantic and eerie. This is England's most notable prehistoric monument.

BOURNEMOUTH BRANCH

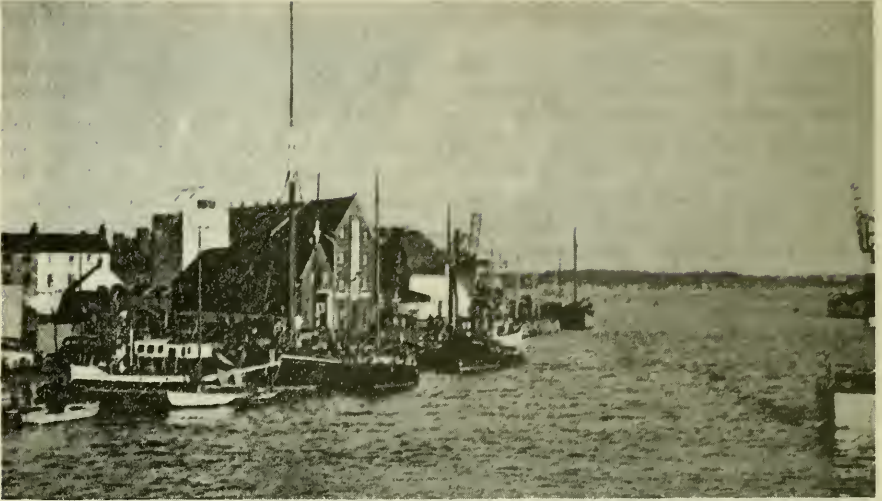
★ Missionaries arrived in Bournemouth to tract the area for the first time in 1948. In the Boscombe East area, they soon found people who were willing to listen to the Gospel Message. In a very short while, meetings were being held regularly at the Adult School Hall in Kimberley Road.

On the 25th February, 1949 the first convert, Brother W. Willoughby, was baptised and by 1950 the first Primary and M.I.A. meetings were organised. With these two auxiliaries firmly est-

ablished, attention turned to further development—the organisation of Relief Society and Genealogy.

The Bournemouth Branch continued to grow until, five years later the membership numbered 92. In 1958, the branch moved to its present address at 4 St. Stephens Road.

Now, with a total of nearly 200 families, the Branch is working towards a new chapel. It is hoped that this will be achieved in the not too distant future.



Largest single area of inland water in England is at Poole, largest town in Dorset.

ST. HELIER BRANCH

★ Although it is traditionally understood that missionaries were on the Island of Jersey as early as 1840, there is no local record of a continuous membership here from that time. Sister Clare Harrison, who now resides at St. Helier House, has lived on the island for thirty five years as a member, having been baptised on the mainland in 1914.

Thomas and Enid Wills joined the

Church while living for a brief period in New Zealand, and upon returning to Jersey in July of 1964 found no Church organisation on the island. After a number of requests for missionaries Elders Tueller and Jespersen arrived in September 1964. They held their first Sunday service with the Wills family, the only known members at that time.

Later a hall was hired for Sunday services, and eventually a couple, Ter-



Poole Chapel, South coastal District



Conference on the Island of Jersey when 57 of the 84 members were present.

ence and Marguerite Andrews were baptised in the sea on a cold November day. Following this experience a temporary font was constructed of tubular steel scaffolding and a tarpaulin. Curtains were made and hung around the edge. This was set up in the conservatory of the Wills residence. Water was heated for each service, and twenty nine souls were baptised in this font

before it was supplanted by a fibreglass structure constructed by a local firm. The new font now serves in the hired hall the branch occupies in the South Telephone Exchange in St. Brelade.

The St. Helier Branch was formally organised the eighth day of August 1965 by Elder Mark E. Petersen, of the Council of the Twelve, with Thomas W. Wills as president.



St. Helier Branch officers and teachers with Pres. and Sister Baker, left, second row, Pres. and Sister Rulon Bradshaw, far right.

In the spring of 1967 Alexander Mackenzie was sustained as branch president. He, in turn was succeeded a year later by Elder Francis E. Carlisle, who, with his wife returned to their home in Salt Lake City Utah in June 1968. Elder and Sister Morris E. Baker of Burley, Idaho at present assist in the branch organisation with some seventy members on Jersey. Six proselyting missionaries are also serving here.

This little flock have enjoyed visits from Presidents A. Ray Curtis, Ray H. Barton Jr., Rulon H. Bradshaw, and their wives. The priesthood holders are unusually active; the auxiliaries are all organised and functioning. These are a happy, cooperative people, looking forward to the day when they can worship in a building dedicated to the Lord.

Wales West District

PEMBROKE BRANCH

★ The Pembroke Branch was formed as an independent branch in October, 1968. Previously it had been dependent on Swansea. The branch covers a wide area including St. Clears, Witland, Newport, Haverfordwest, Narbeth, Cardigan, Carmarthen and Pembroke. The present membership has reached 65 and the branch is receiving support from the missionaries from Tenby.

Brother Leslie Arundel, a member of the branch was baptised in 1930 at a time when there were many members of the Church in the area. Later, however, the numbers declined with some families moving away and others lost

interest during the war years when there was little Church activity. When the missionaries returned after the war the numbers again increased. Now with eight elders in the district, coupled with the efforts of the established branches, they anticipate continued growth.

Swansea is a proud city, but its pride is not in antiquity for there are not many ancient things here; its pride is in its own achievements and more especially in its museums and art collections. The Royal Institution of South Wales contains a fine collection of Welsh exhibits.

Wales East District

CARDIFF, Glam.

★ Cardiff has grown, in little more than 150 years, from a sizeable village to become capital of the Principality of Wales, a major seaport, and a university city. Its prosperity dates mainly from the docks, introduced by the Marquess of Bath in the early 19th century.

Cardiff Castle. Robert, Duke of Normandy, was confined here for 28 years following his defeat by his younger brother, Henry I of England, at the Battle of Tenchebrai (Normandy) in 1106 (Normandy remained annexed to the English Crown until the reign of King John). A motte with wooden buildings was raised in 1093 on the site of

a Roman fortification; the present stone keep was erected to replace the wooden buildings in the late 12th century and additions were made in the 15th century and each century following. In 1861 the 3rd Marquess of Bute and William Burges designed additions in the Gothic, Arab and Classical Greek idioms. The Arab Room represents a harem with trellised windows, and throughout the decoration is a riot of inventiveness and allegory, often in exotic materials—lapis lazulli, for example.

Roman Fort. Adjoining the fine open spaces which surround Cardiff's civic centre, there stands a Roman fort. Built about the end of the 3rd century, it is of the same pattern as the later forts of the Saxon Shore, with rectangular corners and projecting bastions. It was placed here to protect the harbour and coast against the raids of Irish pirates. Its special spectacular interest lies in the fact that a former Lord Bute, its owner, had its curtain wall completely reconditioned, even to the castellation

along the wall-top, so that, standing in a modern main street, the exact semblance of a late Roman fort may be viewed.

Barry, with its three great docks, has grown in sixty years from a tiny village to a large port. From Barry Island, really a peninsula, there are fine views over the Bristol Channel towards the Somerset and Devon coasts.

CARDIFF BRANCH

★ The Cardiff Branch Chapel is located in the beautiful Rhiwbina residential area of Cardiff, the capital city of Wales. The Chapel, which was completed in October, 1966, and dedicated March 3, 1968, is easily one of the most outstanding places of worship in the city. It is not only beautiful but also has the quality of great utility. It will serve both as a spiritual center and also the varied activity needs of the Welsh-East District and the immediate Cardiff area.



Cardiff, Wales Branch, from left, Sidney Kitt, counselor; Pres. William H. Harless Sr., Cyril M. Coombs, Rupert A. Cocoran, counselors.

The Cardiff Branch was first organised in 1923 with two families. It struggled through conditions of severe persecution in the early years and was closed for a period during the Second World War. Re-opened in 1946, the branch had tremendous growth in its Conway Road location in the 1950's and this

led to the selection of a site and the construction of the Chapel in the mid-1960's. The membership now is beyond the 400 mark and looks forward to a great period of further growth and service in the work of the Lord in the future.

Plymouth District



Sir Francis Drake
statue.

PLYMOUTH, Devon

★ Sir Francis Drake returned to Plymouth's natural harbour in September 1580 after circumnavigating the world. In 1620, the Pilgrim Fathers departed from it to settle in the New World. As a precaution against Roundhead trouble, Charles II built the great citadel which dominates city and harbour; its ramparts are 20 feet thick in places. The Elizabethan zone of Plymouth is known as the Barbican: The Mayflower Steps

here commemorate the departure of the Pilgrim Fathers.

City Museum and Art Gallery. The Reynolds family portraits, Joshua Reynolds's diaries and the Cottonian Collection of pre-1800 paintings, drawings and printed books are among the displays in this museum. The paintings include old masters, contemporary works and the Clarendon Collection of portraits. The collection of fine silver,

though small, includes the Drake Cup and the Eddystone Salt. Pottery and porcelain are represented, with emphasis on Cookworthy's Plymouth and Bristol hardpaste. There are also departments of archaeology and natural history.

Eddystone Lighthouse (Re-Erected)
On Plymouth Hoe is one of the world's most important 18th-century lighthouses. Some 14 miles south of Plymouth the Eddystone reef was the setting of the first true rock station, the earliest being wooden, built in 1698, followed in 1708 by a wood and stone building which survived until burnt in 1755. Four years later John Smeaton's tower showed its light, and this tower, rebuilt on the Hoe after the present lighthouse replaced it in 1882, was the first scientifically designed and jointed masonry structure to be built, serving as a model until the era of reinforced concrete.

★ The Plymouth District covers the County of Devon, noted for its rich agricultural land, rolling hills and sea-side resorts. These result in many visiting Saints attending meetings during the holiday season at the five branches of Barnstaple, Exeter, Newton Abbot,

Plymouth and Torbay.

Founded in 1960 under the presidency of Stephen L. Winters an American, the Plymouth District has seen five subsequent British presidents, the present holder Donald V. Norris having been set-apart in 1966. A Chartered Gas Engineer, Pres. Norris was baptised in November 1963 whilst resident in Truro, Cornwall, and moving to Torbay became branch president in 1965 where he served till his district call. Both his counselors, Bros. R. E. Wallace and E. Perry are former presidents of the Plymouth and Exeter Branches respectively.

The two main goals of the presidency are to have the Plymouth Chapel, opened in 1966, dedicated and to achieve stakehood. Both will need much dedication to achieve.

NEWTON ABBOT BRANCH

★ Newton Abbot is a market town situated five miles from Torquay. The branch was organised in 1956 and meetings were then held in a very small cottage in the village of Kingsteignton which is one mile from Newton Abbot.

While the Newton Abbot Branch



Plymouth District presidency and council, Pres. Don B. Norris, Robert Wallace, 1st C.; Edwin J. Perry, 2nd C.; Roger H. Evinton, clerk; Eugene A. Anthony, assistant clerk.

has a site for a chapel, the members presently meet in the Unitarian Church in Albany Street, Newton Abbot. This arrangement is very convenient to members as the Unitarians only hold one service a month in this Chapel. That happens to be in the evening of the first Sunday of each month. This time is not needed by the branch members as it is Fast Sunday when no evening service is held.

The membership stands at 102.

TORQUAY (TORBAY) BRANCH

★ The Torbay Branch area includes the seaside town of Paignton, the fishing port of Brixham and the ancient borough of Totnes as well as the internationally famous resort of Torquay; and many readers will be familiar with this beautiful part of South Devon. Those who have settled there appreciate the mild winter climate and freedom from fog.

The Branch was formed seven years ago, prior to which the local Saints

were members of the Branch at Newton Abbot, a town about six miles from Torquay. Branch membership now stands at 130.

The branch president is Roy East, a professional musician who has played with such famous bands as those of Ted Heath and Johnny Dankworth. President East's 1st Counselor is Paul Bartlett, a local government officer, and his 2nd counsellor is Brian Poole (also branch clerk), a skilled mechanical engineer. The branch is fortunate in having the Plymouth District president, Don Norris, as a member.

Following the amalgamation, for local government purposes, of Torquay, Paignton and Brixham to form the County Borough of Torbay (total population approx. 103,000), it has been agreed that the name of the Branch be altered accordingly and in future, therefore, it will be known as the Torbay Branch.

A scheme for raising money for the building fund has recently been launched and it is hoped that it will not be



Torquay (Torbay) Branch presidency, Paul Bartlett, left, 1st C; Pres. Roy East, Brian Poole, 2nd C.

long before a Mormon chapel is added to the attractive Torbay scenery.



Goonhilly Downs



Exeter presidency, Dan M. Clawson, 1st C.; Pres Merrill Heimendinger and Malcolm J. Crocker, 2nd C.



Fishing Trawlers in the inner harbour, Brixham.



2nd Quorum of Elders presidency,
William S. Soper, president.



Plymouth Branch Primary Pres. Pearl
White and Joyce Folley.



Sister Ann Coleman,
Plymouth District Re-
lief Society secretary
also an antipue dealer
and professional
genealogist.



Plymouth Branch Relief Society presi-
dency, from left, Sheila Rothwell,
Marian Austin, Jean Knowles with Joan
Bennett, president, front.



Plymouth Branch presidency, from left,
front, Gordon Howell, Pres. Jack Mar-
shall, David Widdecombe; back, Don
Lake, John Houston Jr., Fred Knowles,
Albert Trotter.

This map illustrates the geographical area covered by the Mission Boundary and District Boundary in the South West of England. The Mission Boundary is shown as a solid line, while the District Boundary is indicated by a dashed line. The map includes the following locations and regions:

- Regions:** WALES EAST, SOUTH COAST, GLOUCESTER, BRISTOL, SOMERSET, PLYMOUTH, CORNWALL.
- Cities and Towns:** Cheltenham, Gloucester, Stroud, Swindon, Pontypool, Bridgend, Cardiff, Newport, Barry, Blackwood, Merthyr Tydfil, Swansea, Pontypridd, Aberdare, Exeter, Newton Abbot, Torquay, Plymouth, St Austell, Falmouth-Turo, Helston, Redruth, Newquay, Weymouth, Poole, Bournemouth, Salisbury, Taunton, Yeovil, Street, Barnstable, Weston-Super-Mare, Trowbridge, Bath, Bristol.
- Other Features:** The map also shows the English Channel to the west and the Bristol Channel to the north.

Cornwall District

★ The Cornwall District was organised January 1st, 1964. Heber Done—a missionary—was the first district president. At this time there were two Cornish Branches—Helston and Falmouth/Truro, and 192 members. Two other branches were quickly organised at Redruth and St. Austell and these four branches along with dependent Newquay Branch now constitutes the district.

The first member to be called as district president was Hugh McDermott of Helston, and when he left the district in January, 1966, Graham Pearce of St. Austell became president—at the age of 25 the youngest man to be called to this position in the mission. His counselor is Lesley Seddon of Redruth.

At present, the district totals 350 Saints, and members of the district auxiliary presidencies may be found in every branch. The district wholeheartedly believes in gathering the branches together often and in various spiritual and social events throughout the year.



Cornwall District Pres. Graham Pearce and Lesley Seddon, 1st C.

HELSTON BRANCH

★ The Helston Branch was first organised with Brother H. F. Done as president. All of the members of the Church in Cornwall then met at Helston

and were led by Pres. Done. Helston is the place where the ancestors of the late President Henry D. Moyle came from. To commemorate this, a tract of land was purchased for the eventual construction of a chapel. The branch has met in the past at Five Wall Lane where the rain came in and it was cold and damp. The spirit was great, however, and the branch progressed.

Brother H. Leng was the next branch president and it was through his great efforts that they now have a comfortable hall to meet in. The present branch presidency are R. Rodda assisted by E. J. Bray and A. Oliver. They work diligently and serve the branch well.

REDRUTH BRANCH

★ In January, 1964 the Redruth Branch was formed with a missionary elder presiding. At this time they met in a small room of a hotel. The membership increased until it was necessary to move into a larger hall over Burton's Tailors. This was done in April, 1964 when Bro. S. Jeffcock became branch president with Bro. J. Liddemont and Bro. L. Seddon as counselors. At this time there was a regular attendance of 25 to the Sunday Services.

President Jeffcock and his family emigrated to the United States and a family of six moved to New Zealand thus depleting the numbers by ten. Brother L. Seddon became branch president and is still in office. For a short time there have only been a few attending regularly, but the numbers are now growing thanks to the efforts of the missionaries.

Recently they have had three baptism in three weeks. The branch will continue to grow, they are confident.

Somerset District

SWBM



Cornwall District Presidency & Branch Presidents.

Helston Branch Relief Society Pres. I. Rodda and counselors F. Bray and R. Harris.



Helston Branch Pres. R. Rodda and counselors E. Bray and A. Oliver.

Sister J. Oliver, Helston Branch Primary president with counselors E. Bray and N. Harris.





Sunday School Supt. E. Bray of Helston Branch with C. G. Harris, asst. supt.; J. Oliver, secretary; E. Bray, pianist and N. E. Harris, chorister.

Helston Branch YM MIA supt. J. F. Harris; YWMIA Pres. J. Oliver; E. Bray, and N. Harris, assistant superintendents, YM MIA.



Somerset District

YEOVIL BRANCH

★ The Yeovil Branch was founded 6 years ago when Bro. 'Dan' Kimberley was directed to retire there in answer to prayer. Bro. Kimberley came from Bradford and in those early days devoted himself to build a branch with a firm foundation. Although ill health had followed him for many years he was given the strength to work among the many converts that the Elders were bringing into the branch. Pres. Rowland Elvidge moved to the Yeovil branch 3 years ago to become the branch president, his wife Barbara was able to add a musical lift and with their 4 children they devoted themselves to building up the branch.

Pres. Elvidge is supported by Bro. Ken Walker and Bro. Chris Allen and along with Bro. Noel Parsons the branch



Bro. Len Watts of Taunton Branch. clerk they are actively engaged in ensuring the smooth running of all the auxiliaries and building programme.

Taunton and Chard branches are dependent on the Yeovil Branch, Bro. Len Watts a district councilman takes care of the Taunton Branch and Bro.

Ernest Stallard the presiding elder at Chard. Both these brethren are earnest workers in the Church.



Yeovil Branch presidency, from left, Ken Walker and Chris Allen, counselors; Pres. R. Elvidge

Longleat Palace



LONGLEAT HOUSE

★ A great early Renaissance house, began for Sir John Thymme in 1568. Thymne had bought the land and original priory buildings as Longleat in

1541. He at once set about building a new house, but much was destroyed by fire in 1567. A year later the Architect Robert Smythson arrived on the scene

and work on the present house began, but was not finished when Thymne died in 1580.

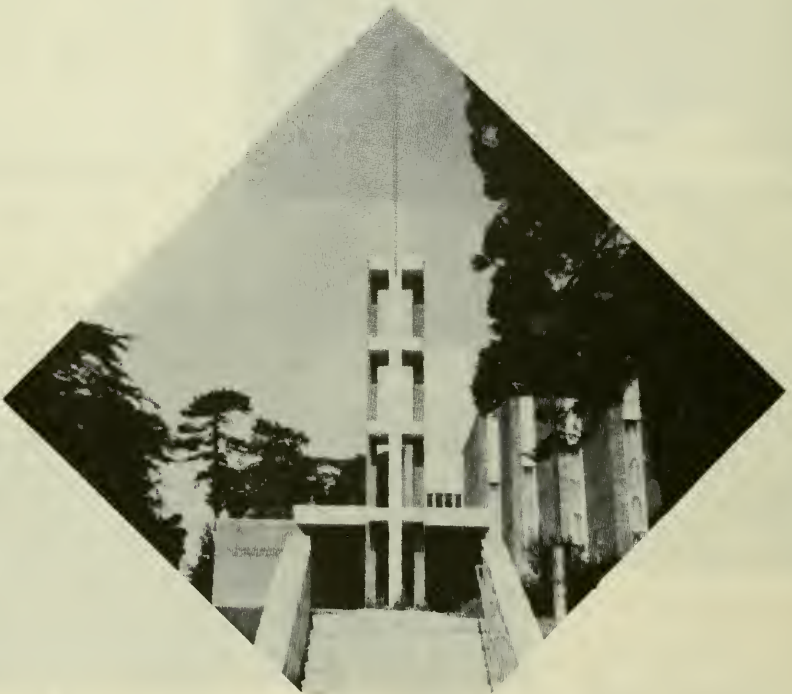
Longleat, one of the great exploits of Elizabethan architecture, is symmetrical, except for the great hall, found to one side, as in most medieval houses: Sir Jeffry Wyatville made alterations to the house in 1807. The magnificent state rooms contain fine furniture and paintings, and include a superb library.

The mansion and colourful gardens are in the middle of a park, landscaped by Capability Brown. There are over 200 acres of the most lush green gar-

dens, with beautiful flowers, part of this land has now been made into the Longleat Lion farm where one may find lions roaming at will.

Part of the garden has been made into an animal refuge. Where one may find Giraffe's Zebra's, Deer, and many other animals can be found there. The Lion farm is separated by a high wire fence.

Every year many tourists come to this estate and marvel at the grandeur of the gardens and of the lions who have found refuge there.



Plymouth Chapel

RELIEF SOCIETY

★ The Southwest British Mission Relief Society was organised on the 1st February, 1962, with Elaine B. Curtis as president and Gladys Winter and Elsy Dowdall as counselors. During the ensuing seven years the presidency has changed three times. Shortly before Sister Curtis returned to the States Jean Brimley was called as president, after which Irene Green was called as the first British Mission Relief Society president here in the Southwest. The present board, working under Supervisor Marie Bradshaw are all local sisters. They are President Vera Ireland, Counselors Violet Reeson, Marie Giles, Mary Collins and Ceinwen Hillman.

The number of Relief Society members have increased enormously during the past seven years and several dependent Relief Society organisations have been formed.

Successful Visiting Teaching Conven-

tions have been held in all eight districts during the past two years, when Visiting Teachers were honoured for their service.

Cornwall District won a prize in a nation-wide competition with a quilt they designed and made, it went on show in London. Bristol District last year held a Comedy Playlet competition, Branches in the district wrote, produced and presented playlets from 3 of their Relief Societies. It was so successful that they plan to make it an annual event. We have many talented sisters in the mission. Short Story Competitions and Poem Competitions are held annually.

★ The Relief Societies of the Church take pride in teaching their women to be better home-makers, through diligent leaders who give of their time to help women to fill their rolls as mothers



Wales West District Garden Fete, a Relief Society stall.



Barry Branch stall at the Wales East District Bazaar.

with dignity, and with a desire to help mankind to make a better world in which to live, by up-grading their homes and teaching their children to walk in righteousness. No nation can rise above its homes, from the homes of our nations come the leaders of our nations.

This is the purpose and strength of the Relief Society of the Southwest British Mission.

A seminar and workshop was held recently at the Mission home in Bristol, for district and mission Relief Society sisters. Many arts and crafts were dis-



Relief Society Mission presidency of SWB Mission, from left, Cein Hillman, counselor; Marie Bradshaw, supervisor; Vera Ireland, president; Mary Collins, and Marie Giles, counselors.

played and instructions given, on how to make them.

A lovely lunch was served at noon.
The workshop was under the direc-

tion of Sister Marie Bradshaw, auxiliary supervisor, assisted by Sister Myrtle Twitchell.

DAVID, OUR SON

by Peter Wheat, Bournemouth Branch

Sweet child of God, how we love thee,
Bewildered by each new thing you see.
Innocent, unspoiled by earth's long toil,
Untained from life's evil turmoil.

Little arms, which around us cling,
Happy voice so quick to sing.
Thou who fill our hearts with glee,
Saying, Mummy, Daddy, I love thee,

Tiny hands, which hold on tight,
Thoughts which mirror all things clear and bright.
Small strong legs which love to run,
From birth of dawn, to set of sun.

We are pledged, your life to direct,
In the straight and narrow path, correct.
We pray you to God's plan will cloy,
David, our young Mormon boy.



Prize Winning Short Story

In A Mysterious Way

by Nancy Sanderson, of Hull, Yorks.

★ It was one of those mornings, unfortunately so rare in this country of ours, when the sun is shining and the air is faintly scented with lime trees and roses and there is a freshness over everything, which can only come after heavy summer rain. Birds were singing everywhere when Edna Wilson opened her front door, and put the milk bottles outside with a great deal of unnecessary rattling and banging. The lovely morning was entirely wasted on Edna, she never even noticed the black-bird hopping down the garden path; she was too busy thinking of her own troubles. She was an attractive woman in her late twenties; at least, she would have been attractive if she had taken a little trouble over her appearance. On this particular morning she had not even bothered to comb her hair, and her dress was decidedly grubby.

"All right, I'm coming" she called as she banged the front door shut and went through to the kitchen. Her husband, Jack, was sitting at the table reading a newspaper and the baby was crying in the pram. "Why don't you feed that baby?" asked Jack from behind the newspaper "I'm sick of hearing her cry." Edna did not answer, but busied herself with a pan of milk on the cooker. The kitchen reflected the appearance of Edna, it was a pleasant room, with bright curtains and modern furniture, but over everything a film of

dust and there were piles of unironed baby clothes in one chair and books and papers littered over the settee. The table where Jack had just finished his breakfast, was piled high with dirty crockery left over from the night before.

Jack sighed, stood up and stretched, "Well, I'm off now, see you tonight" he said, as he got to the door he turned round "Try to clean this place up a bit, love, I may bring George home with me tonight". Edna just looked at him and said nothing, so he closed the door, and she knew that he had gone. Great tears rolled down her cheeks, and she made no attempt to check them. Luckily the baby had fallen asleep again. Edna sat down at the table and buried her head in her folded arms and sobbed. How unhappy she was, what had happened to her? She used to be so gay and full of life and her house was her pride and joy. If Jack had suggested bringing a friend home she was highly delighted and always cooked something special to please him; she knew he was proud of her and she loved him utterly. Then the baby had come and her happiness had been complete, for now they had everything, a nice little home, good wages coming in, a baby, and love which surrounded them all with a security which she could feel.

Short Story

The baby was fretful from the start, she was healthy enough, but cried a lot and always wanted attention. Edna got behind with her housework and one night Jack brought a friend home and the while house was in chaos. Edna was so ashamed, they only had a tin of baked beans in the house. When George had gone there had been a terrible row, Jack said he had been patient long enough and surely she had got used to looking after a baby by now. He had seen other girls going out with prams looking so attractive and happy. So that was it, he thought she was a drudge, he as much as said so, and he was noticing other girls too. She had looked at herself in the mirror. Jack was right, what a mess just was not time to do her hair and face, and the baby was crying again. she looked now, but, oh dear, there

Edna thought of how they had only been to church once since the baby was blessed, they belonged to a small branch, which needed help desperately to keep it going. The branch president had called once or twice, but there was always an excuse. Jack was a very good man, but inclined to be lazy, and needed a push now and again from Edna, so he never complained when they stayed at home every Sunday. All these things passed through Edna's mind as she sat there at the table, "Oh God" she whispered "Please help. . ." then there was a terrific explosion, the whole house rocked. She gripped the edge of the table and a pile of plates fell clattering to the floor. She heard a long shrill scream, then dead silence. "Baby" was her first thought, she was still sleeping peacefully, so she rushed out of the back door, but could see nothing. It must have been at the Owen's house next door—she jumped

over the low fence and shouted "Mary Mary" but only the silence greeted her. She opened the Owen's door and went into the kitchen, the first thing she noticed was a powerful smell of gas and a haze of smoke hung in the air. Bob Owen, who was the same age as Jack, was sprawling across the table and Mary, his wife, was lying, face down, near the open oven door of the cooker.

A voice was calling from upstairs "Mummy, Mummy". The Owens had two children, Anne who was four and little John aged one and a half.

As Edna took in the scene Bob sat up and said "What happened?" he seemed alright but slightly dazed. Without a second thought Edna flung the window open and knelt on the floor beside Mary. She gently turned her over on to her back, she was quite limp and her face was deathly pale, and blood was trickling from a cut on the side of her head where she had knocked it. She still had a match box in her hand and there were matches scattered all over the floor, Edna turned to Bob, "Fetch me a cushion and a blanket quickly" she said, and together they made Mary comfortable, then Edna said, "Now you go upstairs and see to the children while I phone for an ambulance, then I will come straight back". Bob nodded and went blindly to the stairs from where a little voice was still calling "Mummy Mummy".

Edna rushed back over the fence and telephoned for the ambulance and was going back to the Owens' house when she saw Miss Brown in her garden, she lived at the other side of the Owens. She was quite old, nobody knew her exact age, but she had three cats and a bay window full of assorted geraniums which somehow managed to flower all the year round. She always

'kept herself to herself' as she put it. "Oh dear what has happened, are the Owens safe, can I do anything?" the words came tumbling out of her shaking lips.

There has been an accident and the ambulance is on the way, will you help me with the children" Edna hurriedly explained. Miss Brown nodded, and squeezed through a gap in the hedge. Together they entered the Owens' house. Bob was bringing the children downstairs and Edna told Miss Brown to take them both to her house and would she look after the baby too, until she had seen Mr. and Mrs. Owen safely into the ambulance.

Mary was still unconscious, and Bob was in a daze when the ambulance arrived, Edna explained what had happened and in no time Mary and Bob were on their way to the hospital. Edna hurried home again and Miss Brown was nursing little John and talking to Anne.

Between them Edna and Miss Brown looked after the children, did the washing, and Miss Brown went shopping and brought home enough food for both families for two or three days. After lunch when the children were all asleep Edna went to the Owen's house and cleared up the mess in the kitchen. The curtains were ruined, so she took them down, and when she had finished it didn't look too bad, but poor Bob would have to paint the walls and ceiling again.

Later in the afternoon Bob arrived home, Mary was to stay in the hospital overnight for observation but he was feeling much better. "Right" said Edna, "Now you go and get some sleep, and I will give you a shout when Jack comes home at about 6 o'clock and

you must come and have a meal with us."

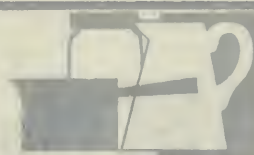
The rest of the afternoon passed like lightning, the children were very good and Edna's baby never cried at all, she was too busy watching Anne and little John. Miss Brown did all the ironing while Edna cooked an enormous meal for them all.

At six o'clock when Jack, accompanied by George arrived home, Jack was amazed because he could hear voices and children laughing and no baby crying. He opened the kitchen door, and the room was full of people—or so it seemed. Edna was busy at the table which was laid as if for a party, and there was a wonderful smell of steak and kidney pie. It was the expression on Edna's face which surprised him most. She was still untidy and had the same grubby dress on and her face was flushed with cooking, but she looked up eagerly as he entered and her eyes were bright and full of life again.

"What's all this?" Jack asked. "I'll tell you while we're eating, now come on George, you sit here and you there Jack, and Miss Brown at the other side so you can look after little John and I will see to Anne, baby has gone to bed, she was tired out with all the excitement, and she's fast asleep already".

So they all sat down, and Jack had the best meal he had had for months, while Miss Brown and Edna explained all that had happened during the day. "I'll help you to repaint the kitchen Bob, if you like, and we will soon have it looking O.K. again". Jack said wanting to do his bit to help, and Bob was only too pleased.

George left, Bob took his children home to bed (Edna and Miss Brown Continued on page 52



by Sister Myrtle Twitchell, Mission Cook

CHOCOLATE CHIP COOKIES

- 1 c shortening
- $\frac{3}{4}$ c brown sugar firmly packed
- $\frac{3}{4}$ c white sugar
- 3 eggs beaten
- 1 tsp. vanilla
- 1 tsp. soda
- 1 c walnuts
- 2 T hot water
- $2\frac{1}{2}$ C sifted flour
- 1 Pkg. chocolate chips, (Polka Dots)

Cream shortening and both sugars, add beaten eggs, hot water and vanilla and beat well, sift flour, soda and salt together and add to mixture. Add chocolate chips and nuts.

Mix thoroughly drop by spoonful on a greased baking sheet. Bake 350 for 15 minutes.

HEAVENLY CHOCOLATE PIE

- 1 Cup sifted all purpose flour
- $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp. salt
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup shortening
- 3 or 4 tbs. cold water
- 2 eggs whites
- $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp. vinegar
- $\frac{1}{4}$ tsp. cinnamon optional
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup sugar

Combine flour and $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp salt in mixing bowl. Rub in shortening until consistency of coarse meal. Sprinkle Water, 1 tbs. at a time, over mixture tossing quickly and lightly with fork until dough is just moist enough to hold together. Prick generously with fork. Bake at 450 Deg. F for 12 Min. until golden brown.

Beat together egg whites, vinegar, cinnamon and remaining $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp. salt until stiff but not dry. Gradually add sugar and beat until very stiff. Spread meringue over bottom and sides of baked pastry shell. Bake at 325 Deg. F. for 15 or 18 minutes. until lightly browned. Cool, fill with chocolate cream filling.

RECIPES FOR YOU



BROWNIES

- 3 eggs
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 Knob butter or margarine
- 2 squares chocolate
- 1 cup flour
- tsp. baking powder
- $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp. salt

Sift all together, add 1 tsp. vanilla, and 1 cup nuts chopped. Melt together and cool. Bake in 350 to 375 F. oven about 20 minutes.

by Marie F. Bradshaw

STUFFED PORK CHOPS

6 Pork chops, cut $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches thick. Have butcher cut a pocket in side for stuffing. Fill with your favorite stuffing.

Fry pork chops on both sides until brown. Put in a flat baking dish. Pour sauce of 2 cups pineapple juice that has been slightly thickened with flour, over pork chops. Baste Frequently.

Put 1 slice of pineapple on top of each pork chop. Bake for 1 hour at 300 Deg.

BARBEQUED CHICKEN SAUCE

- 1 c wesson oil
- 2 tbl. salt
- 1 tsp. white pepper
- 2 tbl. paprika
- $\frac{1}{4}$ tsp. onion powder
- 2 chickens

Clean, and cut in half, lay flat in dripper pan. Then baste frequently. Bake for $\frac{1}{2}$ hour or until a golden brown on one side at 400 Deg. then turn the chicken on other side and bake for $\frac{1}{2}$ hour or until chicken is golden brown, be sure to baste frequently.

RECIPES FOR YOU



PINEAPPLE CHIFFON PIE

6 eggs separated
1- $\frac{1}{2}$ cups sugar
 $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp. salt
2 tbs. lemon juice
1 c crushed pineapple & juice

Beat egg yolks slightly add pineapple, $\frac{3}{4}$ c sugar cook over hot water till custard like. Remove from heat and while hot add 1 packet gelatin dissolved in $\frac{1}{4}$ c cold water. Cool and add lemon juice. Add salt to egg whites. Beat till stiff, add the remaining sugar $\frac{3}{4}$ cup gradually add to custard mixture. Fill baked shell and top with whipped cream.

by Sister D. Leckey, Bournemouth Branch

NORWEGIAN APPLE CAKE

Ingredients:

2 eggs, 9 oz. castor sugar; 3 $\frac{3}{4}$ oz. butter; just over $\frac{1}{4}$ pt. top of milk, or creamy milk; 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ oz. plain flour; 2 rounded teasp. baking powder; 3 or 4 Bramley cooking apples.

Method:

Whisk the eggs and 8 oz. sugar together until whisk leaves a trail when lifted out of the mixture. Put the butter and milk into a pan and bring to the boil. Stir this boiling liquid into the eggs and sugar. Fold in the sifted flour and baking powder thoroughly until there are no lumps of flour. Pour the mixture into a large buttered and floured roasting tin. Peel and core and slice the apples; arrange them over the batter and sprinkle the 1 oz. of sugar on top.

Gas mark 6. 400 degrees F. for 20 to 25 minutes. When cooked, allow to cool in the tin, then cut into slices, delicious served with fresh cream.



Myrtle Twitchell

A Big Trout

By Peter Wheat, Bournemouth Branch

★ We first fished the stream as small boys—stream did I say? In reality it was little more than a collection of shallow pools, each joined to the next by a trickle of clear sparkling water, which weaved its narrow passage through thick, overhanging bushes and waist high grass.

Nowhere, not even in the largest pool near the copse did the span exceed five feet, and only after severe rains was there any appreciable depth. Our interest at that time did not include angling—that was a higher delight still to

come—but already, in the breast of the embryo fisher, the magnetic pull of the waterside grew strong. We delighted, my friend and I, in this simple country trickle, its fascination and surprise.

Each visit brought fresh experience. We enjoyed paddling the cool flow as we pushed a pioneer trail through the heavy growth in search of . . .? We knew not what.

With the passage of time we brought nets and jam jars along on our trips, catching minnows, bullheads and loaches, with long sweeps of the net through the weeds and under the banks.



I retained a great number of these captives in an old bath at the end of the garden; some lived some died, but I never ceased to wonder and indeed marvel, at these small fry as they circled around in the white confines of the tub.

My angling instinct was fortunately allowed to gain life and flourish in a home atmosphere of understanding and toleration at my watery escapades, with the resulting torn and dirty clothes. Later, the natural urge to explore the stream beyond the field became too great and one day we scrambled throu-

gh the barbed wire and continued our safari upstream.

The banks here were less bushy, and the slightly bigger pools, edged with erosion exposed roots, seemed that much more interesting. On this first upstream visit we discovered, to our intense delight, that the trickle contained fish other than the abundant small fry of our jam jar days. A swirl appeared along the edge of the far bank where the grassy tussocks overhung the water.

We moved closer and the swirl appeared again. Slowly we worked our way towards the edge until it was just



possible to see into the clear pool. But despite the absolute clarity, we could at first see nothing apart from the patchwork of weeds over the sandy bottom.

Then it moved! The spotted form rose slowly until it was just beneath the surface, turned and flipped to the bottom—the swirl appeared for the third time. "Trout" said my companion in a squeaky excited voice. I think it was at that moment that we both resolved inwardly to catch this fish for ourselves.

At first, in our ignorance, we tried the small fry nets, but alas our expertise with minnows was all to no avail against this bigger, more wily quarry.

Inevitably, the transition to rod and line fishing was made. My friend's father, hearing of our exploits, made him a traditional boy's outfit—garden cane, strong thread, and what we call eel hooks. On our next visit we baited with a thick lobworm, and dangled it over the spot where we had seen the trout. No response; we fished on, first one then the other taking turns at the rod, twitching and jerking the half dead worm as best we could.

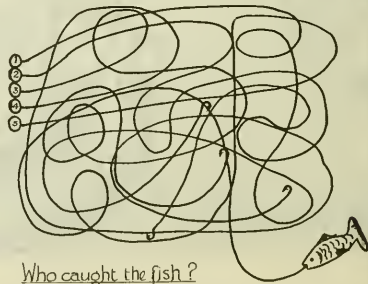
It was a hot day and by early afternoon we were both sprawled on our sides watching the now idol rod—the top nodding with the pull of the current against the line. Hours past, the sun fell behind the copse, country sounds became muted apart from the murmur of the little stream, and we waited with all the optimism of youth.

Then it happened! The rod toppled over the edge and the butt was lifting in the air before my friend, who was nearest, could grab the cane and hang on for dear life. The strong tackle held and soon the fish was brought kicking to the bank.

To our young eyes it was a fantastic catch, beautifully spotted and in the peak of condition. We looked at each other, then at the fish as it lay panting in the grass. It would have been nice to carry the trophy back to the limelight of the adult world, but somehow it didn't seem right, and anyway, it would be sure to die in the bath down the garden.

We decided to free our captive back to the stream. It swam off quickly, in an upstream direction and was soon lost from sight. It was the first success, yet the last time we fished the water. Before the next holiday my friend, with life ahead, was dead, killed in a boating accident. The bulldozers moved in and left their ugly mark on the landscape. A housing estate was built. The little stream, my friend, the big trout, all now were but memories, gone from reality forever.

It was a full twelve months before I caught my first fish—a perch. An angler nearly remarked, "nice half-pounder you've got there son"—it was about the same size as the big trout. (Peter Wheat is the editor of *Anglers World*.)



The Prophets Message

By President David O. McKay

★ I should like to quote the truth and the admonition given by Peter the chief Apostle to the members of the priesthood over nineteen hundred years ago. That chief Apostle wrote these lines and addressed them to the elders of that time:

"... I exhort, who am also an elder, and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, and also a partaker of the glory that shall be revealed:

"Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight thereof, not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind;

"Neither as being lords over God's heritage, but being ensamples to the flock.

"And when the chief Shepherd shall appear, ye shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away.

"Likewise, ye younger, submit yourselves unto the elder. Yea, all of you be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility: for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble.

"Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time:

"Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you.

"Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion,

walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:

"Whom resist steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world." (1 Peter 5:1-9.)

Applicable Today

These instructions are nineteen-hundred-years old, yet new today, and just as applicable as then to the elders of this Church. Peter said they should be "ensamples to the flock." I should just like to ask if that example starts at home. What better place to exercise the lofty ideals of the priesthood?

The older I grow, the more grateful I am for my parents, for what they did in that old country home. They lived the Gospel. Father used to preach it, particularly to visitors who came, more than to us boys and girls; but both Father and Mother lived the Gospel. I realize more than ever before that my testimony of the reality of the existence of God dates back to that home when I was a child, and it was through their teachings and their examples that I received, even as a child, the absolute knowledge that God is my Father, that I received then the knowledge of the reality of the spiritual world, and I testify to you that that is a reality.

It is easy for me to accept as a divine truth the fact that Christ preach-

ed to the spirits in prison while His body lay in the tomb. It is true. And it is just as easy for me to realize that one may so live that he may receive impressions and direct messages through the Holy Ghost. The veil is thin between those who hold the priesthood and those on the other side of the veil.

Testimony By Example

That testimony began, was borne in that home, because of the example of a man who lived the priesthood and a wife who sustained him and lived it in the home. A man of the priesthood had that in mind, particularly, when he mentioned "being ensamples to the flock" (Ibid., 5:3), but I do know that each home is a part of that flock. The influence you spread in your home will go throughout the ward, the stake, and then will go throughout the city, the state, the country, and the world.

The most precious thing in the world is a testimony of the truth. Truth never grows old, and the truth is that God is the source of your priesthood and mine, that He lives, that Jesus Christ stands at the head of this Church, and that every man who holds the priesthood, if he lives properly, soberly, industriously, humbly, and prayerfully, is entitled to the inspiration and guidance of the Holy Spirit. I know that it is true!

God help us to defend the truth—better than that, to live it, to exemplify it in our homes. What we owe to our parents we cannot express. Are you going to have that same influence on your children, you parents—fathers and mothers? Never set an improper example before them. You are men of the priesthood, and you are leaders. Never let them hear a cross word. You should control yourself. He is a weak man who flies into a passion, whether



he is working a machine, plowing, or writing, or whatever he may be doing in the home. I do not know that Peter should not fly into a passion. Learn to be dignified.

Worthiness—Importance

To hold the priesthood of God by divine authority is one of the greatest gifts that can come to a man, and worthiness is of first importance. The very essence of priesthood is eternal. He is greatly blessed who feels the responsibility of representing Deity. He should feel it to such an extent that he would be conscious of his actions and words under all conditions. No man who holds the Holy Priesthood should treat his wife disrespectfully. No man who holds that priesthood should fail to ask the blessings on his food or to kneel with his wife and children and ask for God's guidance.

A home is transformed because a man holds and honours the priesthood. We are not to use it dictatorially, for the Lord has said that "... when we undertake to cover our sins, or to grati-

Prophets Message

fy our pride, our vain ambition, or to exercise control or dominion or compulsion upon the souls of the children of men, in any degree of unrighteousness, behold the heavens withdraw themselves; the Spirit of the Lord is grieved; and when it is withdrawn, Amen to the priesthood or the authority of that man." (D&C 121:37.) That revelation given by the Lord to the Prophet Joseph Smith is one of the most beautiful lessons in pedagogy or psychology and government ever given, and we should read it over and over again in the 121st section of the Doctrine and Covenants.

Maintain The Standards

Let us realize that we are members of the greatest fraternity, the greatest brotherhood—the brotherhood of Christ

in all the world, and do our best each day, all day, to maintain the standards of the priesthood.

Let us live honest, sincere lives. Let us be honest with ourselves, honest with our brethren, honest with our family, honest with men with whom we deal, always honest, for eyes are upon us, and the foundation of all character rests upon the principles of honesty and sincerity.

God is guiding this Church. Be true to it. Be true to your families, loyal to them. Protect your children. Guide them, not arbitrarily, but through the kind example of a father, a loving mother, and so contribute to the strength of the Church by exercising your priesthood in your home and in your lives.

LONDON TEMPLE.

Year ended 31st. December. 1968.

GLASGOW STAKE
LEEDS STAKE
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CENTRAL BRITISH MISSION
IRISH MISSION
NORTH BRITISH MISSION
SCOTTISH MISSION
SOUTHWEST BRITISH MISSION

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127	555	682	0	179	179	861
3	62	65	0	12	12	77
54	208	262	0	0	0	262
0	0	0	87	135	222	222
37	184	221	0	82	82	303
94	164	258	74	237	311	569
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Instructions To Parents, Teach, Train, Mould

By Elder Delbert L. Stapley
of the Council of Twelve

★ God extends to earthly parents a choice blessing when He sends a spirit son or daughter of His to dwell in a mortal body provided by them. God grants to parents, if they have complied with His Gospel laws and ordinances, the children born to them in the new and everlasting covenant of marriage, or sealed to them by the authority of the Holy Priesthood of God as their very own throughout the eternities of time.

This knowledge adds joy, happiness, and glory to joint-heirship with Christ in all that the Father possesses, even the gift of His own spirit children. Every child is born in complete innocence here on earth. The Lord entrusts these choice spirit children of His to earthly parents, with a hope that through proper teaching and training they will keep them moral, true, and faithful. God has revealed this truth in our day: Every spirit of man was innocent in the beginning; and God having redeemed man from the fall, men became again, in their infant state, innocent before God." (D&C 93: 38.)

Our Saviour, giving His life on the cross, redeemed us from the effects of

the fall; therefore, every soul at birth stands innocent before God.

First Duty—Bless Children

In the modern revelations the Lord had given important instructions to parents, detailing their responsibility in the upbringing of their children. After children come to bless parents with the joy and happiness of possession, the Lord has admonished that "Every member of the church of Christ having children is to bring them unto the elders before the church, who are to lay their hands upon them in the name of Jesus Christ, and bless them in his name." (Ibid., 20:70.) Here, then, is one of the first duties of parents: to have their children blessed by the elders of the Church. What a privilege and proper beginning for a child to be blessed by the elders of the Church in the name of Jesus Christ!

Now, God has revealed that "little children are redeemed from the foundation of the world through mine Only Begotten;

"Wherefore, they cannot sin, for power is not given unto Satan to tempt little children, until they begin to become accountable before me." (Ibid., 29:46-47.)



For Parents

Parents, therefore, have these early, golden years of a child's life in which to teach, train, and mold its character, when Satan is not given power to tempt or to mislead it. But there does come a time in the lives of children for individual responsibility and accountability, a time when they are to act for themselves, and receive the Gospel and its ordinances and to be baptized for a remission of their sins.

The Lord has declared that, "No one can be received into the church of Christ unless he has arrived unto the years of accountability before God, and is capable of repentance." (Ibid., 20:71.) Parents, looking forward to the time of individual responsibility of children for their own acts, should carefully heed this admonition from the Lord:

"Again, inasmuch as parents have children in Zion, or in any of her stakes which are organized, that teach them not to understand the doctrine of re-

pentance, faith in Christ the Son of the living God, and of baptism and the gift of the Holy Ghost by the laying on of the hands, when eight years old, the sin be upon the heads of the parents." (Ibid., 68:25.)

Prepare For Baptism

Parents, therefore, have the responsibility of teaching to the understanding of their children the Gospel truths, principles, and ordinances, and to prepare them for baptism and the laying on of hands for the gift of the Holy Ghost when they attain the age of eight years, the age of accountability before God; otherwise, the sin is upon the heads of the parents.

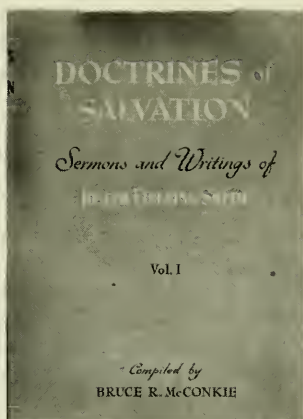
To leave no doubt in the minds of parents about their responsibility and accountability to this instruction, the Lord continued by saying:

"For this shall be a law unto the inhabitants of Zion." The teaching of Gospel principles and the preparation of children to receive the ordinances of the Gospel is not something parents can do only if they want to, because the Lord emphatically declared that it "shall be a law unto the inhabitants of Zion. . . . And their children shall be baptised for the remission of their sins when eight years old, and receive the laying on of the hands." (Ibid., 68:26-27.)

Baptise At Eight

He did not say that parents could wait until children are nine or ten or older before baptism, neither does He suggest that parents can permit their children to grow up to maturity and decide for themselves whether they should be baptised. The Lord said they "shall be baptised . . . when eight years old." There can be no question about our understanding of this instruction.

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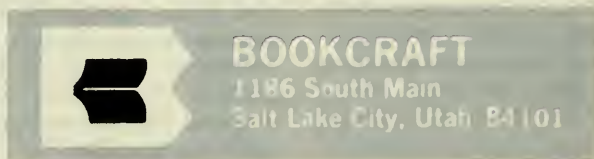
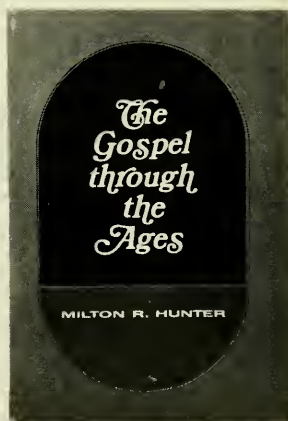
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Saviour Was Deliverer To Those In Spiritual Darkness

Bv Elder Theodore M. Burton

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★ Near the beginning of the ministry of Jesus Christ, He came one day to the city of Nazareth where He had grown up as a lad. As was His custom on the Sabbath day He went to the local synagogue to worship. As He stood up to read, He was given the book of Isaiah from which He read as follows:

"The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me; because the Lord hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the broken-hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound;

"To proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord. . . ." (Isa. 61: 1-2.)

Then He closed the book and sat down to speak. As all eyes were fastened upon Him to see what interpretation He would give to these words, He said:

"This day is this scripture fulfilled in your ears.

"And all bare him witness, and wondered at the gracious words which proceeded out of his mouth." (Luke 4:21-22.)

I am interested in the words of Isaiah, or as Jesus gave them as quoted by Luke:

" . . . he hath sent me . . . to preach deliverance to the captives, and . . . to set at liberty them that are bruised." (Ibid., 4:18.)

Specific Prisoners

Bible interpreters have said that the

original words from Isaiah have reference to the release of the Jewish captives from Babylon, but that Jesus applied them to the release of sinners from the guilt and bondage of sin, through His ministry. But was this Jesus' intent, and what sinners were held prisoners through the guilt and bondage of their sins?

I claim that Isaiah and Jesus were speaking of specific prisoners as given in the following quotations from Isaiah:

"And it shall come to pass in that day, that the Lord shall punish the host of the high ones that are on high, and the kings of the earth upon the earth.

"And they shall be gathered together, as prisoners are gathered in the pit, and shall be shut up in the prison, and after many days shall they be visited." (Isa. 24:21-22.)

"I the Lord have called thee in righteousness, and will hold thine hand, and will keep thee, and give thee for a covenant of the people, for a light of the Gentiles;

"To open the blind eyes, to bring out the prisoners from the prison, and them that sit in darkness out of the prison house." (Ibid., 42:6-7.)

Jesus, The Deliverer

There is no question but that Jesus was to be the Deliverer and that they that sit in this prison were to be in the bonds of darkness, which must refer to spiritual darkness rather than to

political prisoners here upon the earth. The work of Jesus definitely was not confined solely to those of His own earthly generation who heard His voice in person as on this occasion when He spoke in the synagogue at Nazareth. His work was a greater work, a universal work, and applied not only to the whole wide world of those then living, but also to all who ever lived or ever would live upon this earth.

One of the mistakes of Christendom today is thinking that Christ's ministry began at the Meridian of Time following His birth upon the earth. At the Meridian of time He began His earth ministry as He was born among men as the Only Begotten Son of God in the flesh. It is not generally understood that Jesus was the Firstborn of the spirit children of God and that as Jehovah, the Creator, He was the God of this earth before He became manifest in the flesh as Jesus Christ. He is the Eternal God of this earth who gave His laws and commandments to the prophets of old before He came to earth as the Son of Man.

Eternal Principles

The principles of the Gospel which Jesus taught were eternal. They were given and taught to the prophets and seers of old. They in turn preached and taught them to the people of their day. Did they not understand that the Redeemer would come? Wasn't Isaiah, for example, a witness of the coming Lord as he proclaimed:

"Who hath believed our report? and to whom is the arm of the Lord revealed?

"For he shall grow up before him as a tender plant, and as a root out of a dry ground: he hath no form nor comeliness; and when we shall see him, there is no beauty that we should



desire him.

"He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief; and we hid as it were our faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

"Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted.

"But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.

"And we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way and the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.

"He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth: he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth." (Ibid., 53:1-7.)

Prophets Testified

Dare we say that the prophets did

not know all about Jesus and His coming? Did they not testify, often with their lives, of the divinity of God and urge their hearers to turn to Him and live?

Just as authority in the priesthood had been given to Adam and his sons the patriarchs, so also were they given the principles of the Gospel of Jesus Christ and participated in the blessings and covenants that pertain to exaltation in the acceptance of Jesus Christ as Lord and King. Only when the people refused to accept this higher priesthood and higher law at the time of Moses were they given the lesser priesthood and the lesser law which was to be a taskmaster to lead them eventually to accept Jesus Christ and the higher law which He had given to the prophets of old and which He gave again in His earthly ministry.

Manuscripts Discovered

Failure to understand the eternal and universal nature of the ministry of Jesus Christ has caused considerable consternation among students of divinity. With the study of the mystery religions came the knowledge that a virgin birth of a Redeemer and a death and resurrection of the same was claimed by several such religions hundreds of years before the birth of Jesus Christ. Baptism by immersion was a fairly common ritual long before the coming of Jesus. The discovery of the manuscript rolls from the caves at Qumran near Jerusalem brought to light teachings and practices later used in Christianity two hundred years before the birth of Jesus Christ. This has led certain students of Christian religion to deny the divinity of Jesus Christ. They have regarded Him only as a great and gifted teacher who simply adopted and adapted the thoughts and practices of the Essenes priests. So they

claim He established a new philosophy of the brotherhood of man based on these concepts and in defense of which He even gave His life as a martyr.

Such denial of Jesus Christ as a divine being is the result of not understanding the eternal nature of the Gospel Jesus taught. If one understands that the Gospel was taught and practised from the very beginning, one can understand how its doctrines and practices can be found in apostate forms in the mystery religions of Greece and Egypt and can account for the knowledge of Christian teachings before the birth of Jesus Christ.

Knowing then that the Gospel was preached by the prophets of old in anticipation of the coming of the Saviour and that it is now preached in confirmation of His atonement, we can ask a pertinent question. What happened to those who heard the Gospel and rejected it, or, perhaps better said, who failed to accept it while on the earth? What happened to those who lived on the earth when through apostasy and wickedness they never had a chance to hear the Gospel of Jesus Christ preached? What happens to those we call heathens who never heard of Jesus Christ?

Peter Explains

At the death of these people, who never made a covenant to become the sons and daughters of Jesus Christ, their spirits went to a spirit prison where they were forced to wait until they could be released. This Peter explained when he told how Jesus went to minister among those who were dead, for, as the scriptures inform us, Peter taught:

"And he commanded us to preach unto the people, and to testify that it is he which was ordained of God to be the Judge of quick and dead.

"To him give all the prophets witness, that through his name whosoever believeth in him shall receive remission of sins." (Acts 10:42-43. *Italics added.*)

That this salvation through belief in Christ is open to the dead as well as to the living is evident as Peter taught:

"For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit:

"By which also he went and preached unto the spirits in prison;

"Which sometime were disobedient, when once the longsuffering of God waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was a preparing, wherein few, that is, eight souls were saved by water." (1 Pet. 3:18-20.)

Redeeming Power

The reason for this Peter explained as follows:

"For this cause was the Gospel preached also to them that are dead, that they might be judged according to men in the flesh, but live according to God in the spirit." (Ibid., 4:6.)

Thus the redeeming power of Jesus Christ is made possible to every person who ever lived or will live upon the face of the earth. In view of the scriptural confirmation of this doctrine that Christ did visit and minister among the spirits who had been disobedient and who because of unpardoned sin were held in a spirit prison. we may well ask, what was the scope and purpose of our Lord's ministry among them? His preaching was purposeful and positive, not to further condemn, but to bring relief and mercy. To them came the Redeemer to open the way that leads to life. He came not to intensify their darkness and their grief, but to bring relief from despair and suffering.

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would look after them again next day). Then Miss Brown went back to her cats and geraniums, My, she was tired out—but what a day it had been, already she was planning new ways of amusing the children, and she would definitely offer her services as a baby sitter to both families, such nice neighbours she had, and had only just realised it.

Edna and Jack were getting ready for bed. Edna yawned, "Fancy" she said "Only this morning I was so miserable and I started to pray for strength,

when all this happened and now I feel quite different, I know everything will be alright, and I will be back to normal". When she was drifting off to sleep she whispered "I must have my hair done on Friday, it is Conference this weekend and we don't want to miss it do we?"

Jack smiled happily and the stars twinkled through the open bedroom window and there was a sweet scent of lime trees and roses in the air, and he was very much aware of it.

Elder Tuttle Asks: "What Is Peace Based Upon?"

By Elder A. Theodore Tuttle
of the First Council of Seventy

★ As I understand it, it is the mission of the Church to develop and extend unity and brotherhood throughout the world.

How can peace come without brotherhood? What is peace? Is peace the cessation of hostilities? Is peace a cold, rather than a hot war? Is peace co-existence? Is peace to live and let live? Is peace a relationship based on force? Is peace servitude and slavery based on power? What is it that brings peace: arms, bombs, pacts, arbitration, and compromise? What perpetuates peace: armies and navies, planes and missiles, and anti-missile missiles? What is the basis of peace? Is it based on a balance of power? I think that each one of us would have to answer that it is none of these, and that at best they are but temporary measures.

What is peace based on? May I try to illustrate it with a story with which I think many of you are acquainted. It is entitled "Abram and Zimri" by Clarence Cook. Two brothers farmed together. Abram had a wife and seven sons. Zimri lived alone. At harvest time the crop was divided equally. Zimri lay in bed and thought: "Here am I, just one mouth to feed, while my brother Abram has a wife and many sons. I must go to the field and share my half with my brother, Abram." So he girded himself and went down and gave a generous third of his portion to



his brother.

Shared A Third

Abram, on the other hand, thought that same night: "Here am I with a wife and seven sons—someone to share my load and to work with me. Here is my brother, Zimri, he works alone and has no one to help. I shall gird myself and go down to the field and share my portion with him." And he took a generous third and put it with Zimri's sheaves. The next morning the sheaves were the same.

The next night, determined to change it, Zimri went again to the field and carried another third from his pile to his brother, Abram's and then lay in the field to watch. Soon Abram came and took his sheaves and put them with his brother's share. Then Clarence Cook closes with these words: "And Zimri arose and caught him in his arms, and wept upon his neck, and kissed his cheek; and Abram saw the whole, and could not speak; neither could Zimri, for their hearts were full."

Now, as I read the record of history, there is but one force strong enough

to motivate a universal acceptance of brotherhood. That is, the acceptance of the Fatherhood of God and the divine Sonship of His Son, Jesus Christ, and thence all men as brothers. This has been the power that has united men in the past. This has been the plan of our Heavenly Father from the beginning, and it is no illusion. It has worked. We all know the story of Enoch who taught this Gospel plan to his brethren, and when it was accepted they lived happily—so much so that the Lord walked and talked with them, and took them.

Another Occurrence

A similar unity of brotherhood occurred on this continent after the Lord had been here and taught His Gospel to the Nephites. I quote the account of the condition that existed for two hundred years afterward:

"And it came to pass that there was no contention in the land, because of the love of God which did dwell in the hearts of the people.

"And there were no envyings, nor strifes, nor tumults, nor whoredoms, nor lyings, nor murders, nor any manner of lasciviousness; and surely there could not be a happier people among

all the people who had been created by the hand of God.

"There were no robbers, nor murderers, neither were there Lamanites, nor any manner of -ites; but they were in one, the children of Christ, and heirs to the kingdom of God." (4 Nephi 15-17.)

This blessed condition is attainable today, but it is attainable only upon the basis of accepting God as Father and all men as brothers and living the plan of salvation.

My testimony is that this plan, which the Lord introduced in the beginning with Adam, and that has successfully brought about true brotherhood in the past, has been restored; that the priesthood that activates it and operates it is in our midst, and that the leaders thereof in this Church are servants of our Heavenly Father. This plan is bringing about a true brotherhood in this day and it is up to you and me to make it function even more perfectly. To show our appreciation for the privilege we have of belonging to this great brotherhood, may we be ever willing to share it with all of our brothers and sisters.



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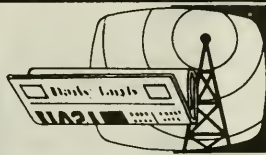
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SCOTTISH MISSION ABERDEEN BRANCH WINS CITY AWARD

★ The City of Aberdeen holds a competition each year to find the loveliest and best kept Church garden. Last year this prize was awarded to the Aberdeen Branch of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, they took 2nd place in 1967. At a recent ceremony, Branch Pres. Tommy Thomson, was presented with an engraved plaque by Mr. Percy Thrower, the famous TV personality and gardener, who commented on the Church's beautiful display of flowers and roses of every hue.

Aberdeen members are justly proud of this wonderful honour, and we hope they will keep up the good work this year.

IRISH MISSION

★ A special party was held at the end of December for over 60 officers and teachers of the Belfast District Primary and Sunday School. It was a very successful occasion with music and song provided by Thomas and Margaret Law and Rachel Nickels.



Rachel Nickels, Irish Mission.



Pres. Tommy Thomson of Aberdeen Branch, holds plaque for the best kept church garden in Aberdeen.



Thomas and Margaret Law, Irish Mission.

Belfast Primary and Sunday School officers and teachers relax around buffet table.



LONDON STAKE M.I.A. LEADERSHIP WEEKEND

★ From Friday Jan. 17th, to Sunday the 19th, the Stake M.I.A. held its fourth leadership weekend. North London Ward members provided accommodation in their homes for nearly 40 young people. The Relief Society, under the direction of Margaret Hamblin, provided excellent meals at the chapel. On the Friday evening, Marquits Leavitt helped everyone "get acquainted" at a Barn Dance.

Saturday morning began with a devotional, followed by leadership improvement with Una Budge of the Stake M.I.A. Board. The major part of the morning was devoted to P.E. minor games and sports. The facilities of a

nearby school were used, and the instructors were David Cook, who is a school sports instructor, and Marie Snell, Stake YWMIA Activity Counselor. Brother Cook also provided a first class display of trampolining by three boys from his school, and then allowed the course members time to "have a go".

In the afternoon, James Corless, also an instructor by profession, showed the group how to make monoprints lino-cuts and woodcuts, and how to do simple modelling with clay. The result was some very attractive lino-cuts and prints, and a few rather wobbly pots!

Mr. Paul Chamberlain, a professional

drama instructor took over in the evening, and made each person realize his own potential for creative dramatic expression, with remarkable results. The standard of the impromptu sketches performed in groups was very high.

As on previous weekends, Sunday was the climax of the course. During Priesthood meeting the young women held a standards meeting, at which the speakers were Jean Cook, one of the course members, and Karen Bateman, a guest speaker. The song "More Holi-nes Give Me" sung by Linda Cory and Karen Oswell, made a fitting conclusion to an inspiring meeting. After Sunday School with the ward members, a special testimony meeting was held just for the course members, and many fervent testimonies were heard. In the afternoon an M.I.A. discussion was held. The prize for the M.I.A. Quiz, that people had been completing in their spare time (1) during the week-end, was won by Bill Bushnell, a non-member of the Church and new to M.I.A. The weekend closed with Sacra-ment meeting, which included talks by two youth speakers, and a musical item by a choir formed of the course mem-bers.

The whole weekend was greatly en-joyed, not only for the knowledge gain-ed, but also for the friendships that were developed and the testimonies that were strengthened. The event was organised by John and Marie Snell, activity assistant and counselor on the Stake M.I.A.

★ Valentines Day came early for the wives of members of the London Stake presidency and the ward bishoprics and branch presidencies.

On Monday, Feb. 3 in place of the usual "business" type bishopric meet-ing conducted by the stake presidency,

a social was held at the Hyde Park Chapel were "Cupid" directed all atten-tion to the sisters.

The social began with community singing of old time favourites with Stake Pres. Joseph Hamstead Jr. at the piano and Pres. Donald Hemingway, first counselor, directing. Following the musical half hour a delicious meal of hot casseroles, fresh tossed green salad, buttered rolls, fruit juices, tasty cheese and pickles, topped by ice cream and cake, was served.

While the clearing of dishes was being accomplished by one group, Bis-hop Vance Leavitt of the North London Ward, asked Pres. Hemingway to select several couples to go to the Relief Soc-iety room and rehearse a favourite song for presentation within five minutes.

Bishop Leavitt also assigned eight other persons to prepare a debate on which food is best, spaghetti or maca-roni." This proved to be the hilarious part of the evening as debators presen-ted pros and cons on the merits of the two foods.

Meanwhile the balance of the guests were "mustered" into a "standing" army and given preliminary training in preparation to defend London. Pres. Thomas Hill, second counselor in the stake presidency, managed to get his recruits into a commendable "forma-tion" before they were dismissed.

Climax to the evening came when each of the brethren presented a gift to his sweetheart.

The catering was under the direction of the North London Ward bishopric and their wives with Sister Leavitt, in charge.

The evening was a change for the brethren and more decidedly a change for the wives who spend many hours waiting while their husbands are on assignments.



Groundbreaking for new chapel at the Isle of Wight, British South Mission.

(Photo by Roger M. Smith)

BRITISH SOUTH MISSION

★ Sunday Dec. 29th 1968 was a momentous and memorable day for the members of the Isle of Wight, as this was the day of the ground breaking for an L.D.S. Chapel on the Island.

The ground was broken by the Branch presidency, Portsmouth District Pres. Alan Busath and the Building Supervisor, Desmond Gorman.

Although the weather was cold and there was a biting wind, the saints hearts were warmed as they sang "Come Come Ye Saints" as the closing hymn of the service.

★ The NEWPORT Branch, Isle of Wight, held a very enjoyable social one Saturday night in December. Proceeds from the refreshments were given towards the Branch Building Fund.

The Primary New Year Party was held on Wednesday Jan. 8th, when a happy time was had by all the children in attendance, thanks to Patricia Maisey, the Branch Primary president and her counselors.

SUNDERLAND STAKE

★ BILLINGHAM High Priests provided all members of the ward with a very appetising dinner on New Year's Eve. Perhaps it was all the more enjoyable because it was free! The three course meal was well cooked by the priesthood and the Relief Society sisters appreciated the fact that they did not even have to do the washing up. Stake Pres. Frederick W. Oates and his wife were guests of honour.

After the dinner, the seventy people present spent the rest of the evening dancing and playing games. Although the meal was free, £4 was collected in tips for the waiters, and this money will go towards the funds to pay for

the chapel, so that it can be dedicated as soon as possible.

★ When HARTLEPOOL Ward Sunday School and Primary held a joint party for the children, there was an abundance of jellies, cakes, etc, and the children certainly made a good attempt at eating it all. An apple, an orange and some sweets, and a gift were given to each child. The children also enjoyed games and carol singing. Elder Squires played his guitar and with the aid of Ann Helps, one of the Primary sisters, everyone sang together. There were about 45 children present.

On Monday 30th Dec., the youngsters were taken to see the pantomime, "Mother Goose" in the Town Hall, at the expense of the Relief Society.

On Dec. 25th, the Primary children acted a nativity play entitled "O Come all ye Faithful", which told the familiar story through the eyes of some young shepherd boys. The children acted very well, and the performance was followed by carol singing.

The ward also held a dinner and dance in December with about 40 saints present. A three course dinner with turkey was served and then games were played. The Laurie family managed to win most of the prizes and everyone had a really good time.

★ Bishop and Sister Marshall opened their home to all MIDDLESBROUGH Ward members for a New Year party. There were games, songs and food galore.

The health of three fairly recently engaged couples was toasted, with special wishes to Joyce Storrow and Bob Robson, who announced their en-

gement at the party.

The Primary party was held on Wednesday Jan. 8th, with about 22 children attending. The teachers provided food and entertainment, and the party ended with singing under the direction of Ethel Hill.

MANCHESTER STAKE

★ The children's party organised by the Junior Sunday School and Primary workers of the ASHTON/OLDHAM Ward, was well attended and enjoyed. Sixty-five children were present there, and all received a present. There was plenty of food for them, with lots of jelly and ice cream, and after tea suitable games were arranged by Sylvia Whalley, assisted by Norma Holme. Many of the children also entertained with songs, poems and nursery rhymes.

A New Year's Eve dance in the Cultural Hall was free to members and non-members, and was very well attended. Organised by the M.I.A. leaders under the direction of John Whiteley and Pamela Edwards the Master of Ceremonies was Albert G. Evans, who also entertained with his well-liked brand of comedy. The cabaret spot was filled by John Whiteley and Julian Leah on their guitars. Children's games were supervised by Ernest Preston, and Carol Standring was in charge of the refreshments. Elder Walker kindly volunteered to spend the evening behind the scenes as the disc jockey.

The Priests group of the ward consisting of Julian Leah, Anthony Clayton, John Cook, Andrew Haigh and David Preston, raised more than £20 for the budget fund when they organised a dance at the end of December. Posters and tickets were distributed through-

out the stake and a group called "The Burning Soul" was engaged to play. More than 200 young people, many of them non-members, had a great time dancing and socialising in the gaily decorated Cultural Hall.

The main credit for the successful and profitable evening was the enthusiasm and organising ability of 18 year old Julian Leah, who is to be congratulated on his very fine effort.

★ On January 11th, the Stake Pres. Derek Plumbley and his counselors entertained the stake leaders to a social evening and buffet. It was a grand occasion, one that merited the description of "banquet" rather than buffet, and all concerned agreed that it was the finest event of its kind that the stake had ever enjoyed. Bishop W. Weston was responsible for the catering and he was most ably assisted by Sister Plumbley, Brother and Sister St. Ruth, and Eileen Weightman. They all must have laboured long and hard to present such a wonderful meal. Laura Burgon, Brian Ashworth, Bishop Weston, Bishop Caddick, Derek Coulthard, Doreen Preston, Lilian Smith and Daniel Grindley all helped to make the evening a most enjoyable one by their efforts to entertain.

★ L.D.S. Athletic is now making local news following their entry into the South Manchester Football League. Whilst the results have been disappointing, the standard of their play is such that better things may come their way once the team is brought up to full strength and has settled down playing together as a team.



Bro. Bollshweiler speaking at the first Sacrament Meeting in the new Lincoln Branch Chapel.

CENTRAL BRITISH MISSION

★ Sunday 15th December 1968, was a cold frosty morning as LINCOLN Branch members arrived at their chapel on Grantham Street, for the last time. The lease had expired, heating and lighting had been dismantled. Instead of the usual Sunday School lessons, a testimony meeting was held as the last service, the old building held so many happy memories that it seemed a fitting end, prior to its demolition.

Since April the branch had been working under Building Supervisor Rex Bollschweiler of Bountiful, U.S.A. on their new chapel, and it has been a race against time to see if they could finish it before the closure of the old building. One might say it was just a draw, with some light fittings to be completed and a few tiles to be laid. The Lincoln saints held their first Sac-

rament Meeting in the clean, warm, dry hall that same day. Just as the Sunday School meeting in the morning had been full, so was this Sacrament Meeting. Branch Pres. Brian James conducted the meeting, which was presided over by Pres. Benjamin Thorpe, 2nd counselor in the Central British Mission presidency. This was a most inspiring meeting, speakers included Pres. James, Rex and Merle Bollschweiler, District Pres. Richard Thomas and Pres. Thorpe.

The following Saturday Dec. 21st, the branch held their opening social. For the first time they were able to play games and dance without danger of the floor collapsing. Entertainment was provided by the Mission-aires, and country dancing lead by Malcolm and Heather Coombs.



Lincoln Branch members, Central British Mission, can play now that the new chapel is completed.

Bouquets were presented to the Bollschweilers, and to Relief Society Pres. Evelyn James, by Judith, Christine and Helen Coombs. An album containing photographs and signatures of branch members was also presented to the Bollschweilers by Brian James.

★ A friendly and cheerful atmosphere prevailed at the finely organised New Years' Ball at NORTHAMPTON on Jan. 18th, given by the M.I.A. and attended by over 80 members and friends from the branch and district.

The hall was tastefully decorated, as were the individual tables, and refreshments were provided from the lounge, part of which was opened on to the dance floor. Music was by Jimmy Wooding and his band, and Barrie Beardsmore acted as M.C. A most entertaining and talented interval was provided by the BANBURY Branch, who performed various Indian dances in costume, around a very realistic fire.

★ HEREFORD Branch chose the "Good

Old Days" for the theme of their New Year's Eve Party, and all those who attended wore Edwardian costumes. The New Year was welcomed in and then several members adjourned to the home of Ken and Mary Gorman, where the merrymaking continued into the early hours of the morning despite the prospects of having to face a full days work.

The first event of the new year that the branch participated in was the Midlands West District Primary Talent show, which was held at the WORCESTER Chapel in January. Eleven Hereford Primary children recited poems; told stories, and performed in a recorder orchestra. Several Art items were also on display. After the Talent show the children sat down to a well earned tea provided by the sisters of the District Primary.

Eight members of the M.I.A. took part in the Branch Speech Festival at which the judges were Mission Relief Society Pres. Gladys Jones, and the District M.I.A. Pres. Eileen Mortimer.

The participants were placed in three groups—M.I.A. Maids, M Men-Gleaner and Mutual Study. The superior award winners in the respective sections were: Julie Prosser, M.I.A. Maids; Ken Gorman, M Men; Rosemary Davies, Gleaner, and Audrey Prosser, Mutual Study. Heather Matthews received a special award for the only original poem submitted.

NORTH BRITISH MISSION

★ The Primary children of the CARLISLE Branch entertained the older members with the Pantomime "Cinderella" in December. Betty Stainton, the Primary Mother, produced the show, and all the young actors and actresses gave wonderful performances. Refreshments were served during the interval, and each child received a present.

The branch later held a dinner and dance, and for this occasion the hall was decorated by William Skea and David France. After a very good dinner the rest of the evening was spent dancing to Bert Eland's Band. Members from the Newcastle Branch and the Lake District also attended.

★ GRIMSBY Branch held a party for about 50 children which was organised by Brother Walton, Sunday School superintendent and his counselors.

The following Saturday the branch held a Family Party, and the Relief Society sisters prepared all the food. They had previously held a jumble sale to raise money to pay for the party expenses. President Ann Ely and her counselors worked very hard on both occasions.

The District Relief Society held a square dance in late December. There was a splendid array of good things to eat and Sister Joyce Smith and her counselors were responsible for the

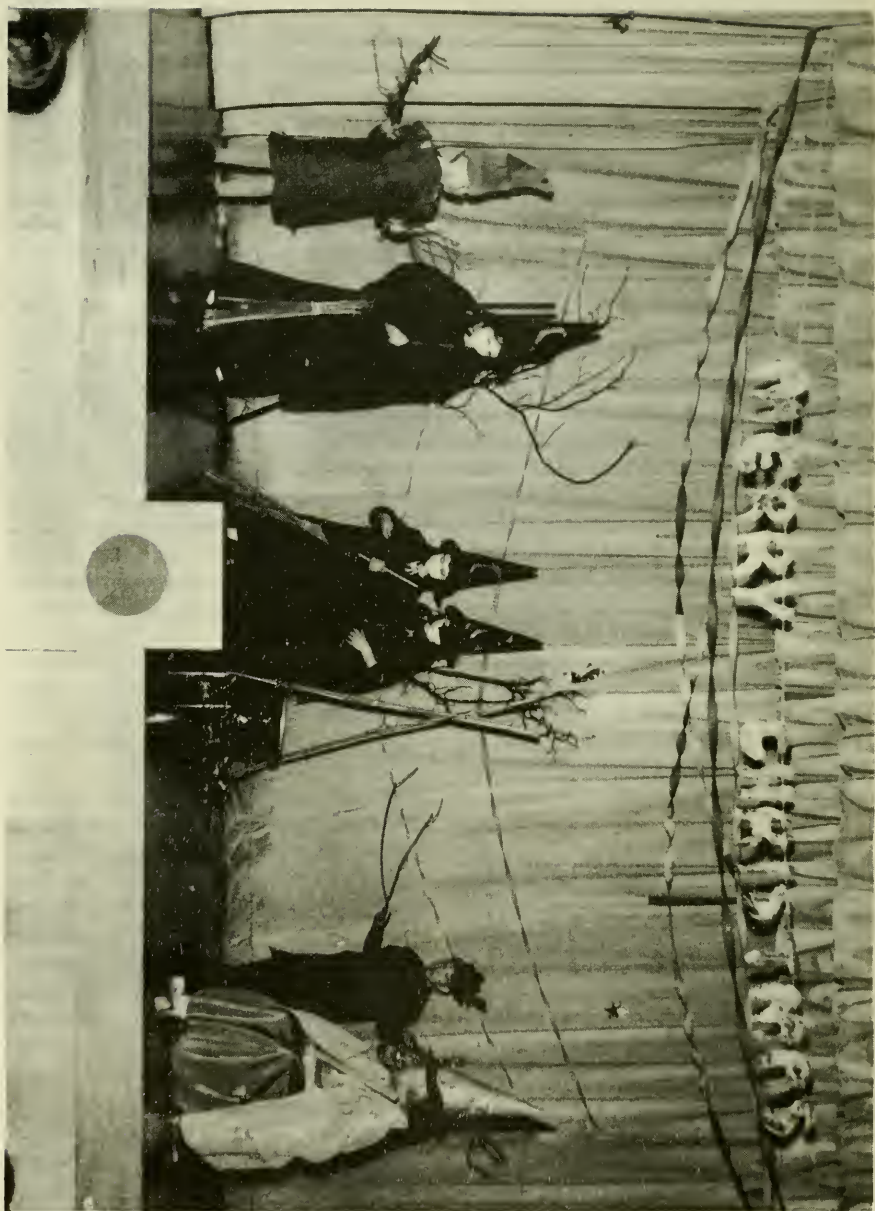
success of the evening.

On Jan. 2nd, Sister Walton and her helpers gave a party for the Primary children, who all received sweets and a gift and had a very good time.

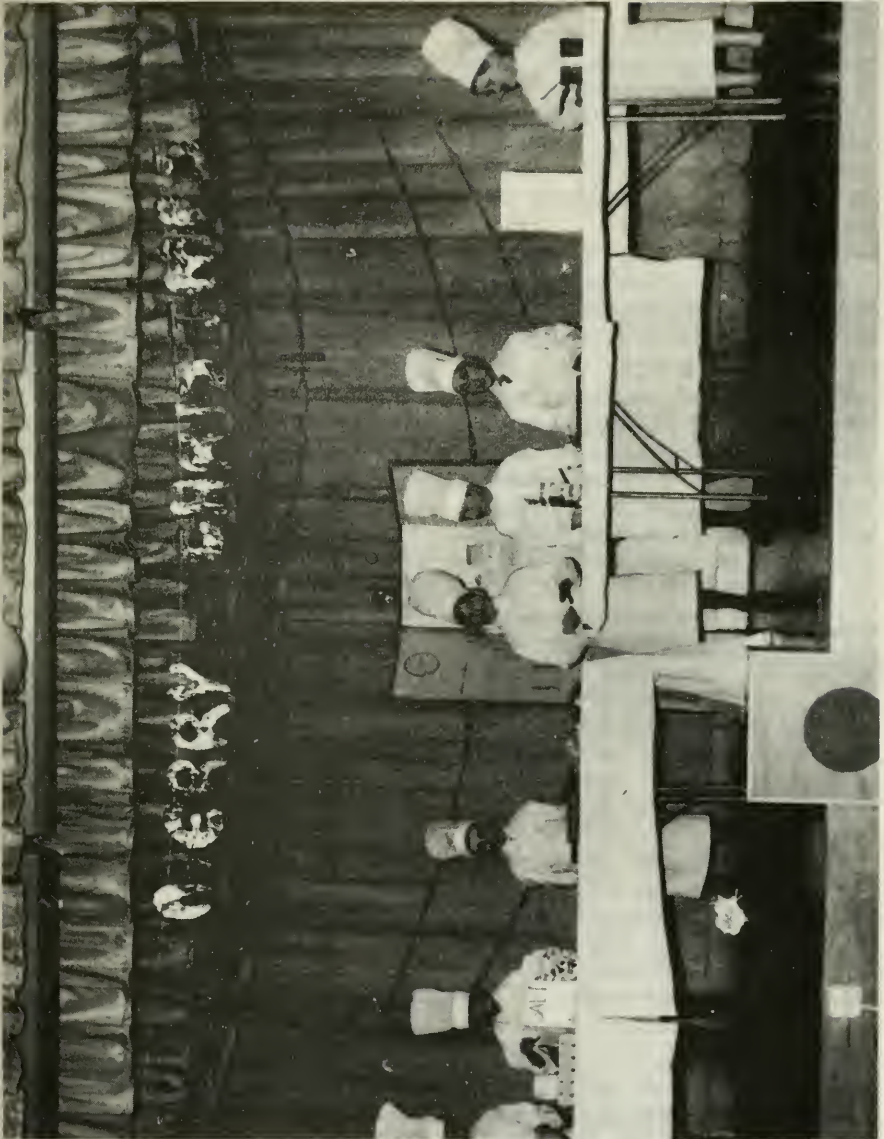
★ At the SOUTHPORT BRANCH on Dec. 20th, by very special request, there was a repeat performance of the Pantomime by the Primary Children, "The Gentle Witch". Helen Chalmers played the leading role, and the boys who performed in the Bakers scene, stole the show. Members and friends formed a very appreciative audience, and after the pantomime everyone relaxed together to enjoy refreshments. Sister Fossard and her counselors were congratulated for the splendid efforts they attained in the colourful, musical pantomime.

★ YORK Branch presented two plays in December, one of which had been performed previously for two "Old Peoples' Homes". Both plays were written and produced by Anne Swanney and Pauline Pooley, who are the pianist and chorister of the Branch Primary. The first play was called "The Toy Shop", and the second "Nativity", the latter being mimed while Patricia Bobby gave the narration. All the children wore colourful and appropriate costumes. The Primary workers made and sold refreshments in aid of their funds.

★ EAST HULL Branch held a concert to raise money for their budget fund. Organised by Jean Driscoll, there were many participants with great talent from branches in the Hull District and some non-members also. The show was a great success and a very large sum was raised for the funds.



The Gentle Witch, Helen Chalmers at Southport Branch, Liverpool District with Andrew Chalmers as the tree; Pauline Bamford, Sylvia Hepple and Linda Grindrod as witches and Alan Lloyd, a tree.



Bakers All, at Southport Branch Christmas party. Christopher Hindley, Alan Wood, Mark Jennings, Keith Hepple, Steven Lloyd, Christopher Hudson and Gary Hindley. Newport Relief Society, SWBM, from left, back, Iris Lambert, Ivy Wiltshire, secy.; Margaret Headington, president; R. May Foot, 1st C.; Caroline Headington, Peggy Dix, Mary Brinkworth; front, Ann Appleby, Carol Wiltshire, Sylvia Woodington, Shenac Carobob, Sister Windsore, Margaret Davies.

★ A News Year's Eve party was held at SCARBOROUGH with Old Father Time alias Stephen Speight, making his appearance at midnight with Keith Reynolds as the New Year, on his back. There was also a wonderful performance by the Gleaners Formation Dance Team.

The Branch M.I.A. presented the Pantomime "Dick Whittington and his Cat" on Dec. 21st, it was a very good performance and everyone enjoyed it.

★ BEVERLEY Branch Sunday School Party was poorly attended because of the heavy snow which had hit the area and was piled up on the pavements and roads. However those that managed to get through really enjoyed themselves with games and good food, and a gift for each child.

The young women and leaders of the branch M.I.A. who are working towards their awards this year, made mince pies as a service project and delivered them to Sister Emma Harper, the oldest member of the branch, and to Y.M.M.I.A. Supt. Dennis Fewster who was in bed suffering from a slipped disc.

The Relief Society sisters invited their husbands to a party at the end of December. They enjoyed a lovely buffet of dainty dishes, and then watched the film "Portrait of a Prophet." The evening closed with carol singing.

BRITISH MISSION

★ BASILDON Branch set a target of £150 to meet a total of £300 before work on building a new chapel could begin. Relief Society sisters raised £15 10s. 0d. by various sales, and individual members contributed £5 each. Pres. and Sister Reed Callister offered articles for sale, and all in all a total of approximately £70 was reached. A

concert was organised by Brother Hornsey, while Brother Martin arranged the printing of the tickets. CHELMSFORD Branch kindly offered the free use of their chapel, and it certainly was a successful evening.

The cast included some of the young Elders, Harkness, Galbreith and Myers. Elder Bobo sang and played his guitar. A non-member, a magician, offered his services free of charge, and there were solos from Bro. and Sis. Gillette and their son, a duet by Sisters Louis and Bounes, and dancing by Julia and Sarah Hornsey. The Smith family, all eleven of them, rounded off the evening with carol singing.

During the interval various items were auctioned, they included a fur coat, a painting of water lillies, and a box of fruit and nuts. The last item being the cause of much laughter as one brother had challenged another that whatever he bid, he would double it. The first brother promptly shouted £5 and the second was obliged to call £10. Which certainly made it a very costly box of fruit and nuts. A total of £50 was raised on that evening. The district elders also collected £10 between them and asked the members from the branch to match it, which they did and so another £20 was added, and the target reached.

★ The Sacrament service of Sunday 22nd December at the CHELMSFORD branch was a special one inasmuch as it had been written and produced by Dora Cannam. It was a narration for seven voices entitled "The Christmas Story". At appropriate times through the reading, hymns and carols were sung by the congregation, choir and children.

The branch also held an Open House Party in December, where the evening

started with party games for about 1 hour, then Douglas Watlings, led the 80 people present in carol singing. The evening finished with the missionaries presenting the film "Portrait of a Prophet".

has held many positions, including those of chorister, Sunday School teacher, Millennial Star representative, district missionary and Aaronic Priesthood advisor.

★ On December 30th, about 25 relatives and friends of Elder Bruce E. Crockford waved goodbye to him at the CAMBRIDGE Railway Station as he set off for Ireland to serve a mission for two years. Elder Crockford is the first full time proselyting missionary to be sent from the Cambridge Branch, and as one of its stalwart members he

★ On Dec. 31st at 8.30 p.m. the IPSWICH District held its annual New Year's Eve Dance at the Ipswich chapel. The Master of Ceremonies was John Cook from Colchester, and the music was provided by the Ray Stewart Five. At approximately 10.30 p.m. there was an interval when everyone had punch and biscuits to refresh them, and a

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spontaneous cabaret, by members of the various branches to entertain them. Time passed very quickly and soon everyone was anxiously awaiting the chimes of Big Ben to ring in the New Year and start the traditional "Old Lang Syne". After a few more dances a New Year Breakfast of "Bangers and Mash" was provided and received gratefully by the tired and hungry dancers.

BRITISH SOUTH MISSION

★ On Sunday 19th January, Pres. Leonard Mann of CRAWLEY Branch presented two Appreciation Award Certificates, for service in Cub Scouting in the Primary Association to Cub Scout Leader Judith Perry and Group Scout Leader Victor L. Palmer, of the 8th Crawley (Latter-day Saints) Scout Group. Both were for 3 years devoted service.

These awards we believe, are the first to be presented in the British Isles, certainly the first in the British South Mission. Sister Perry has done her Preliminary Cub Scouter Training, and Cub Scouters Wood Badge Course, conducted by the Scouts Association of Great Britain. She has 15 boys in her pack, and is an enthusiastic leader. Brother Palmer has also taken Scout Leaders Training Courses, and Group Leaders Training Courses. We congratulate them both on their wonderful work and record.

LEICESTER STAKE

WOODSETTON WARD REORGANISED

★ Woodsetton members greeted the New Year with a new bishopric and a completely reorganised ward. Boundary changes in Woodsetton and Wednesfield area, meant that old friends were welcomed back into the ward once more. Brother A. Slater, formerly president of the Wednesfield Branch is now

the bishop, with J. Bond as 1st counselor, R. Spencer, 2nd counselor and B. Nettleton, ward clerk.

The new president at Wednesfield is Bro. R. Sherratt with D. Griffiths as 1st counselor and J. Lander, 2nd counselor. Bro. E. L. Collins who has served as bishop of the Woodsetton Ward for some years now, has been appointed to the stake High Council.

★ Jellies, cakes and party games were among the treats for WOODSETTON Sunday School children at their annual party in December. After a scrumptious tea, during which each child had crackers to pull and streamers to throw, John Bond delighted his audience with a clever conjuring act and then showed a comedy film. Before they went home, each of the 40 children received a packet of Smarties, fruit and plastic whistles. Sunday School teachers and officers who had prepared the party spread, were then left to clear away the debris.

The members of the ward saw 1968 out in a traditionally gay fashion with a New Year's Eve dance in the brightly decorated cultural hall. Bro. A. Preece entered the room just before midnight as Old Father Time, bringing with him Sister E. Perkins and her new baby Julie as the new year. Members and friends then circled the couple to join hands singing Old Lang Syne as Big Ben boomed its 12th chime from the radio. Music for the evening was provided by the ward's own group, the "Woodsetton Sound" who played a good mixture of numbers. M.I.A. members caused shrieks of laughter with their comedy cabaret spot which involved songs and skits by Christine and Margaret Davies, Gwenda Hughes, Christine Drew, Lynn Harrison, Christopher Knott, Philip Smith, Geoff Davies and Ray Perkins.

The Mission-aies, who have been reorganised and transferred to Birmingham Ward gave a farewell performance, which was naturally very well received, as the group have been very popular in the ward.

Additional News Central British Mission

★ The Stakes Second Quorum of Elders gave a dinner on Jan 10th at the Central British Mission Home in Sutton Coldfield, approximately 50 guests attended.

Guests of honour for the evening were Pres. and Sister George I. Cannon of the Central British Mission, President Cannon also gave an after dinner speech, Bro. A. Grice, the Stake Melchizedek Priesthood advisor was the other speaker for the evening.

The quorum president, Pres. Wood, unable to attend because of illness, sent a message which was read by his wife. In it he apologised for his absence and praised the support he had received from his counselors and members of the quorum. He urged all the brethren to remember their assignments and mentioned some of the plans they had for 1969.

Sis. W. Megeney, the Birmingham Ward Relief Society president and sisters of the ward were responsible for preparing and serving the meal, and the whole evening was voted a great success.

CONGRATULATIONS BIRTHS

★ November 22nd—To Jim and Sylvia Paul of Scarborough Branch, North British Mission, a daughter Sharon Jane.

★ December 3rd—To Bro and Sis. Sheenhan of Newton Abbot Branch,

South West British Mission, a son, Simon Paul.

★ December 8th—To Derek and Kathleen Sillett of Norwich Branch, British Mission, a daughter, Jennifer Carole.

★ December 10th—To Alan and Myra Kennington, Beverley Branch, North British Mission, a daughter, Ruth Simone.

★ January 1969—To Nicholas and Ann Rudd, Trowbridge Branch, South West British Mission, a son, Richard Vaughn.

★ January 3rd—To Cpl. E. D. Watts, R.A.F. and Madeleine, (formerly Manchester South Ward,) at Naples, Italy, a daughter, Catherine Emma.

★ January 15th—To Pat and Cilla Macrae, Aberdeen Branch, Scottish Mission, a son.

★ January 17th—To Stanley and Lorraine Fraser, Aberdeen Branch, Scottish Mission, a son, Nicholas James.

ENGAGEMENTS

★ On New Year's Eve, Joyce Storrow of Middlesbrough to Robert Robson of Newcastle. The couple plan to marry in May.

★ Mandy Buxton and Jim Gray of Nottingham Ward. Jim originally came from Scotland on a building mission, but has lived in Nottingham for the past few years.

★ Sheila Flint and Jim Sherlock of Derby Ward. This young couple have made catering their career, and now cater very successfully for many stake events and weddings.

MARRIAGES

★ Garth Goodare and Sandra Nelson were married at the West Hull Branch on December 7th. The couple left for the London Temple immediately after the reception.

★ On December 21st the wedding took place of Neville Frank Cooper and Carol Ann Gunning of the Workington Branch. The ceremony was performed by District Pres. Hughes. The bride wore a dress of white lace and a long veil held in place by a pearl coronet. She was given away by Brother Styles. Marion Gunning and Mary Ismay acted as bridesmaids and Rodney Cooper, brother of the groom, was the best man. The reception was held in the cultural hall of the Carlisle chapel.

★ The marriage between Dennis Hutton Campbell and Avril Marie Dolben took place on December 26th at the Scarborough Chapel. Dennis comes from Dundee, but is very popular in Scarborough, as he worked on the chapel while he was a church builder. The service was conducted by Pres. R. A. Moore. Myra Dolben, the bride's sister, was chief bridesmaid, and there were 3 small bridesmaids and three page boys. After the reception the couple left for the London Temple. They are now residing in Dundee.

★ The wedding of Bernard F. Austin of Ashton/Oldham Ward and Angela Elizabeth Mairi Luty, took place at St. James Church, Heckmondwike on December 28th. The reception was held at Prospect Hall, Cleckheaton. Bro. Austin is Elders Quorum president for the Manchester Stake.

★ John Arthur Fenwick of Beverley Branch was married to Dianna Loft-

house of York Branch, in the York Chapel on January 4th. Pres. Pooley of York, conducted the ceremony and Pres. Robert Thistleton performed the marriage. The branch choir sang "Oh Love Eternal". The bride wore a long white dress and veil and was attended by one young bridesmaid dressed in pink. Christopher Bobby acted as best man. The couple have made their home at York, further congratulations are also due to John, who recently passed his finals in Nursing.

SILVER WEDDING

★ Pres. William Selbie Black and his wife recently celebrated 25 years of wedded bliss when they held their Silver Wedding party at the Branch Cultural Hall. All members were invited to the party and about 100 guests arrived to congratulate them. The Aberdeen Branch Band supplied music for dancing and singing. A three course supper was provided also plenty of fruit juices to drink, and everyone had a most enjoyable time.

ORDINATIONS TO ELDER

★ Philip Henry Henwood, Middlesbrough Ward, Sunderland Stake.

★ Garth Goodare, West Hull Branch, North British Mission.

OBITUARIES

★ December 8th, Leslie Ann Aspinall, aged 6 months, daughter of George and June Aspinall of Southport Branch, North British Mission.

★ Sister Jones of West Hull Branch, aged 91 years died on January 2nd. She was the oldest member of the branch, and active despite her great age. She attended the Christmas service the week prior to her death.



Sister Rosalind Carter, South London Ward, London Stake, holds her first child, Janson, who began his earthly adventure by "weighing in" at 4.30 a.m. on New Year's Day, 1969 at Nelson Hospital and tipping the scale at 8 lb. Bro. Carter rushed Sister Carter to the Hospital by car. (Photo courtesy The Wimbledon News)

Final Plans Related For March 27-30 Student Meet At Sunderland

★ Following a special report from Elders Spencer W. Kimball, and Richard L. Evans of the Council of the Twelve, and Marion D. Hanks, Assistant to the Twelve, the First Presidency have assigned Elder Hanks to attend the Second National LDS Student Convention, in Sunderland March 27-30. Elder Hanks has responsibility for the LDS Student Association.

Elder Hank's visit for Convention 69 signals significant interest in and concern in the students in Great Britain and Eire.

Elder Hanks will be participating in the Saturday morning fringe panel which will be considering issues in the sciences and arts as they relate to students, and will be speaking in the Sunday morning conference. Other guests include John M. Madsen, coordinator, British Seminary District, who will be addressing a Devotional Assembly on the theme of Building and Combining Intellectual and Spiritual Convictions; Pres. J. W. Child of the British South Mission, and Church sponsor of the organising Deseret Club in the University of Oxford, will be taking one of the Friday afternoon discussion groups (with the theme of the Students Responsibility to the Lord); Pres. Joseph Hamstead, London Stake

president, for the Fringe Panel, and Pres. Frederick W. Oates, Sunderland Stake and Pres. George I. Cannon, Central British Mission will also be speaking in the Sunday Conference. This guest list is also well seasoned with a number of undergraduate and graduate speakers.

Deposits must be paid by March 9, accounts settled by March 13: to write for a Brochure straight away would just give enough time. The address is G. St. John Stott, CONVENTION 69, Jesus College, Oxford, OX1 3OW.

Activities are varied, as previous articles have suggested; two worth special mention are that a special Service Project will be tackled for the Sunderland Old Peoples Welfare Committee, and that the Convention Ball will be jointly held with the Sunderland Stake Gold and Green.

The free drama period will be under the direction of Kay L. Moorby, the barbecue will be held at Roker Beach, and Michael G. Jones will be working with Pauline Doggett, London Stake YWMIA president on Sports Activities for the convention, not only an afternoon period on the Saturday, but pre-breakfast activities such as a run on Friday and basketball on Saturday. All the loose ends are tied up, and a stimulating weekend anticipated.

Tabernacle Choir Wins New Friends Through Washington Inaugural

★ Sounding as one voice the renowned Mormon Tabernacle Choir with unusually sparkling and clear diction, added a great spiritual tone to the inaugural ceremonies for the new president of the United States held in Washington, D. C. Jan. 20.

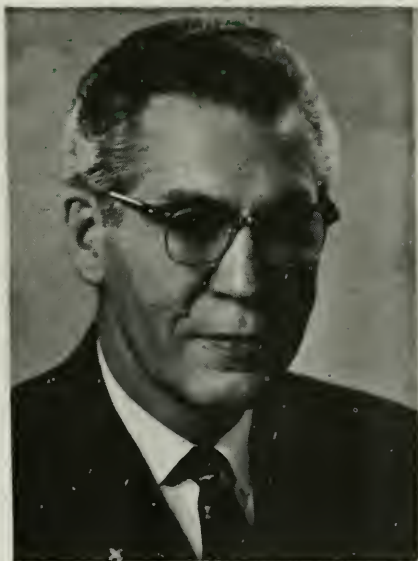
President Richard M. Nixon personally paid tribute to the 375-voice choir after the triumphal inaugural concert in beautiful Constitution Hall. He enthusiastically shook hands with Richard P. Condie, choir director; Howard Mitchell conductor of the National Symphony Orchester and bowed to the singers. (The Choir was what most Nixon relatives wanted to see and hear in Washington).

The concert audience represented a "Who's Who" of official Washington including virtually every dignitary, domestic and foreign in the U.S. Capitol.

The concert concluded the pre-inaugural events on Sunday which began for the Choir singing its 2,057th nationwide CBS broadcast from Constitution Hall, tickets for which had disappeared many days previous. (Tickets were available to non-members of the Church, and were necessary to limit the size of the audience.)

Representing President David O. McKay in Washington was President N. Eldon Tanner of the First Presidency.

Elder Richard L. Evans of the Council of the Twelve, commentator, and author of the "Spoken Word" welcomed the



Pres. N. Eldon Tanner who represented Pres. David O. McKay in Washington.

audience at the Choir broadcast. At the organ was Dr. Alexander Schreiner, celebrated Tabernacle organist.

The Choir undoubtedly impressed millions of new friends as the singers presented a 15-minute concert on the steps of the U.S. Capitol just before the swearing-in ceremonies for the new president on Monday.

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Mormon Choir at inaugural in front of the White House.



Elder Richard L. Evans, center, chats with colleagues in U.S. capitol

was the introduction of the great choral group by Senator Everett M. Dirksen.

The Thursday previous, Mr. Mitchell rehearsed the Tabernacle Choir in historic Salt Lake Tabernacle and during the 10-minute experience, he said: "You're wonderful! . . . Oh, you are indeed, marvelous, That's beautiful. I don't know why I came; you're already perfect."

Also performing with the Choir at the inaugural were Andre Watts, the brilliant young Negro pianist and Anna Moffo, Metropolitan Opera and La Scala Opera soprano.

Many Latter-day Saints were involved in the inaugural programmes. J. Willard Marriott, chairman of the 1969 Inaugural Committee, is a prominent business man and a former stake president. He was born in Marriott, Utah, his grandfather having migrated from Illinois to Utah in 1847.

Mrs. Marriott was chairman of the Distinguished Ladies Reception held on Saturday evening for 7,000 distinguished women who attended by special invitation.

Robert W. Barker, an attorney, was

general counsel for the committee and responsible for legal, tax, contract, liability, and insurance details.

Mark Evans Austad, radio-TV executive, co-chairman of the inaugural ball committee was in charge of six balls to be held in five hotels and the Smithsonian Institution.

Jesse R. Smith, member, Law and Legislature Committee, a special coordinator on concert committee, handled all arrangements for the appearance and feeding and housing of the Mormon Choir.

Several hundred Church members in Washington provided rooms in their homes for the singers plus meals and transportation to and from the central meeting place.

One police officer said after the prayer by one of the Choir members preceding the inaugural ceremonies, "You cannot fail after such a prayer to God."

Others aiding in the successful project for the famed choir were Jay E. Welch, assistant choir director; Robert Cundick, Tabernacle organist.

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Because some parents have not attended to this important counsel, many of their children today and the posterity of these children are out of the Church, separated from the greatest gift in life, and thus are denied all of the blessings which they could otherwise have received from faithful Church membership.

The revelation continues with this further admonition to parents:

"And they shall also teach their children to pray, and to walk uprightly before the Lord.

"And the inhabitants of Zion shall also observe the Sabbath day to keep it holy." (Ibid., 68:28-29.)

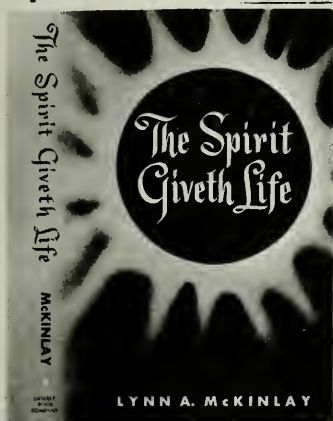
To prevent these conditions with their penalties, parents who desire to abide by counsel have no alternative except to follow religiously the admonition and instruction the Lord has given them in this revelation. He also issued an additional warning, which admonishes parents of the obligation they have for the spiritual upbringing of their children.



Rehearsal in Constitution Hall with Howard Mitchell, conductor of the National Symphony Orchester.



Male voices of Tabernacle choir in Constitution Hall.



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By Lynn A. McKinlay

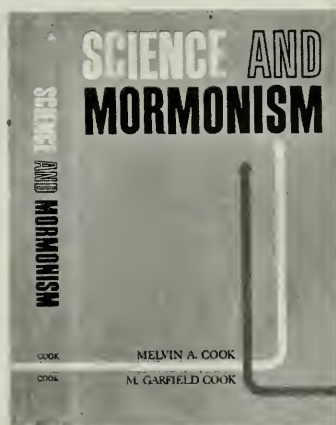
The Spirit Giveth Life will prove provocative, stimulating reading which will enlarge the reader's horizons and assist him in his understanding and application of the gospel message.

Science and Mormonism

By Melvin A. Cook
and

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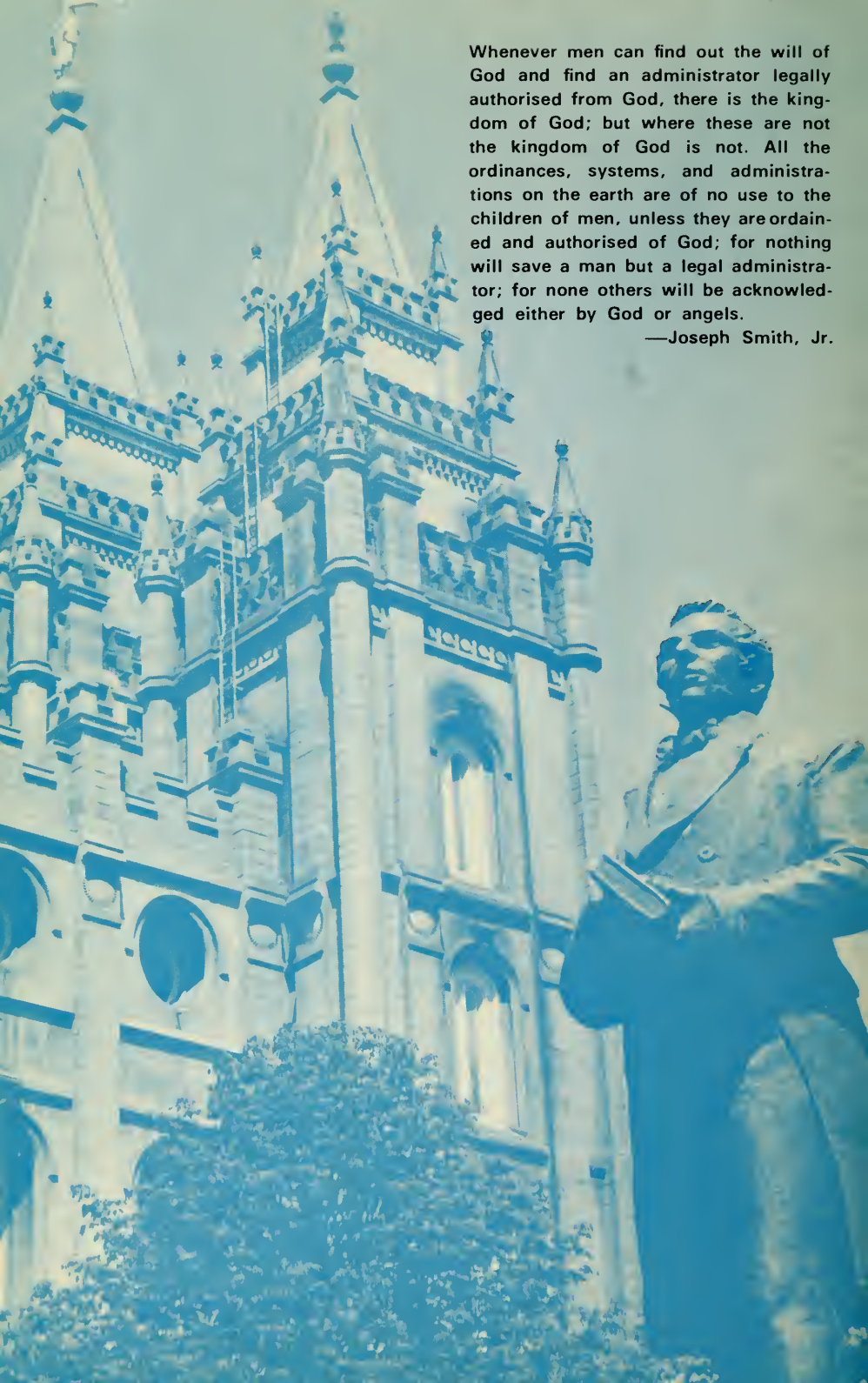
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A blue-toned photograph of the Salt Lake Temple, a large Gothic Revival style building with multiple spires and ornate stonework. In the foreground on the right, there is a large statue of Joseph Smith, Jr., depicted from the waist up, wearing a suit and holding a book. The statue is set against a backdrop of green foliage. The overall image has a monochromatic blue tint.

Whenever men can find out the will of God and find an administrator legally authorised from God, there is the kingdom of God; but where these are not the kingdom of God is not. All the ordinances, systems, and administrations on the earth are of no use to the children of men, unless they are ordained and authorised of God; for nothing will save a man but a legal administrator; for none others will be acknowledged either by God or angels.

—Joseph Smith, Jr.